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SUMMARY.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman has slept well, and his general condition is more favourable.

Mr. G. Cave (Conservative) proposes to move the rejection of the Licensing Bill on the ground that it fails to promote temperance.

Mr. Asquith, addressing the United Liberal Association, said the Government accepted the challenge on the Licensing Bill, and was prepared to face the clamour.

It is declared that all gilt-edged securities had risen since the bill was introduced.

Labour groups in the House of Commons have formed an alliance for the purpose of taking united action on labour questions.

A bill to amend the law relating to reformatory and industrial schools has been introduced the second time by the House of Commons.

All the leading exchanges in New York have closed their visitors' galleries.

It is believed that threats made by anarchists rendered it advisable that strangers should be excluded from the galleries.

The British Yeomanry and Volunteer Regiments have been disbanded. The members are mostly enlisting in the territorial army.

Austria-Hungary has declined to accept the proposals of Sir Edward Grey for securing reforms in Macedonia.

Mr. Price, Premier of South Australia, inspected the docks at Hull, and was entertained at a banquet by the local Chamber of Commerce.

In the course of an interview, Mr. Price said women's votes had purified politics in Australia.

Ninety leading merchants and manufacturers of Berlin have started on a tour of the Balkans, Turkey, and Greece, to seek openings for trade.

The position in connection with the wharf strike is still very critical.

The delegates of the coastal companies, Employers' Federation, and Wharf Labourers' Union met again yesterday, but no basis of settlement was arrived at.

At the meeting of the delegates on Wednesday night the question generally was threshed out.

Those present left the meeting convinced that they were nearer a settlement than hitherto.

The existing difficulty seems to arise from mutual distrust, and doubt on the part of the joint executive as to what those behind them are prepared to accept.

The consideration of the Industrial Disputes Bill was resumed in committee in the Assembly yesterday.

A long debate took place on the question of the right of industrial workers who held office under trade unions to be heard before board or court.

Mr. Griffith moved an amendment to declare that in industries where there were trade unions those unions alone should have recognition from board or court.

The Premier said the Government declined to consent to anything that would deprive of his just rights under the law any man who stood outside a union.

The debate lasted three hours and a half, the amendment being eventually rejected by 44 to 31.

The Council-General for Japan has no official information regarding the boycott by Chinese.

Mr. Price says the Sydney agitation is only a "little branch movement."

Owing to the strike the State Chief Justice will travel to Grafton via Brisbane to preside at the Circuit Court.

The Minister for Lands says the delay in gazetting people on the land is caused by a dearth of surveyors.

Preliminary work in connection with the Post Office inquiry has been commenced. Retired Postmasters-General are to be invited to suggest reforms.

The Masters and Engineers' Association asked the support of the Sydney Labour Council in protesting against a lease being granted to the Sydney Ferries, Limited, for a wharf at the foot of Phillip-street.

It was considered that owing to the congested state of traffic at the Quay another line of ferry boats would create a grave danger to public safety.

The Labour Council last night decided to accord its support to the association in making its protest.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Children's Hospital yesterday, Dr. Clubbe advocated a hospital tax as a means of maintaining such institutions.

Mr. Cherry, inspector of the Fire Underwriters' Association, gave evidence yesterday before the select committee on fire danger.

He pointed out the danger to the city of what are termed by American fire experts "conflagration breeders," and gave instances to the committee.

The Senate yesterday passed the excise Duties which refer to only 10 items.

An effort was made to recommit the Customs Tariff Bill, but the committee by a substantial majority decided against it.

The Premier says that in the event of Canberra being selected as the Federal Capital site they would deal liberally with the Commonwealth in the matter of the land required.

Strong action is urged in the House of Representatives in dealing with the charges of corruption.

It is alleged that some votes had been bought while the oil duties were under consideration.

Another assertion to be inquired into is that money had been subscribed for lobbying purposes.

The report of the Royal Commission on the Newcastle creeps has been issued.

It finds generally that the trouble was due to the fact that the pillars in certain workings were not sufficiently strong to stand the pressure.

The only remedial measure suggested is an efficient method of packing the excavations in the seams worked.

The Prime Minister implied in a statement yesterday that he hopes to obtain the services of Sir William MacGregor as Administrator of Papua.

A clean sweep is being made among the officials of the Papuan territory over the recent troubles.

A fire broke out last night at the premises in Kent-street occupied by Goodearl's, Limited, tent and tarpaulin makers.

The top storey was severely damaged before the fire was got under.

The stock and machinery are insured in the Australian Mutual Fire Office for £4000.

Mr. Percy Allan took his seat for the first time yesterday as president of the Hunter District Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

The Bathurst Agricultural Show was opened yesterday. The Commonwealth Trot was won by P. Miller's Maud S.

It has been decided to endeavour to send an Australian team to England in 1909 to compete for the Kolapore Cup.

Victoria has made arrangements for the service with A. Currie and Co. to Singapore to be extended to a regular three-weekly service to Rangoon.

This is conditional on the New South Wales Government coming to terms with Burns, Philp, and Co.

The Victorian Government hopes before long to have a direct service from Melbourne to Shanghai.

According to the annual report of the Inspector-General, the police force at the end of last year numbered 3446 of all ranks.

The finger-print branch had done good work, there having been during the year 568 identifications by this means.

The death is announced of Mr Alley, of the Alley line of steamers, trading between Sydney, New Zealand, Victoria, and Vancouver.

In the Queensland Assembly Mr. Bowman said the Labour party would agitate until it got a tax on land values.

Business in the Mining market yesterday was on a limited scale. Silver and copper shares showed a weakening tendency.

Only moderate supplies of sheep and cattle came forward at Homebush, and values ruled firm for fat, and 10s to 15s per head, respectively, higher.

Weather forecast: Fine generally, with cool nights and pleasant days; variable winds.

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From HOBART: April 14.
For LAUNCESTON, via EDEN—
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SPLENDID BEDROOM SUITE, Massive Brass Bedstead, and General Appointments of Bedrooms, Hall and Domestic Offices, in excellent order.
Tools, lot choice Poultry, and everything.
N.B.—A Capital Opportunity Buyers generally, who will please attend early. Terms—SPOT CASH.
STRONGMAN, WATSON, & HAWKINS have instructions from Mr. RICHARDS to sell EVERY LOT.
Auctioneers' Telephone, 200 Burwood.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL,
AT THE CITY MART, 6 SPRING-STREET, at 11.30 a.m.
IN THE ESTATE OF ERNEST BRABY.
In Bankruptcy.
By Order of C. F. W. LLOYD, Esq., Official Assignee.
STOCK OF MANUFACTURER'S AGENT, consisting of
Panama, Straw, Leghorn Hats, Shoe, Clothes, Dandy Brushes, Singlets, Silk Ties, Stationery, Felt Hats, Japanese Brushware, Plated Ware, etc.
Also,
20 Kegs Galvd. Wire Nails, Flat Heads, 1½ x 14 gauge.
2 Cases Plain Iron, 28 gauge.
QUANTITY OFFICE FITTINGS, etc.
FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction the above.
AUCTION SALE.
THIS FRIDAY MORNING, AT 11, AND CONTINUING ALL DAY.
SPLENDID LOT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, good as new.
German Upright Grand Stahlknuft Pianoforte, new few months ago.
Boston Organ, 6 stops, in perfect order; suit S. School.
3 to 5 feet Sideboards, Hallstands, Wal. Cabinet, L. Tapestry, Saddleback, and Leather Suites, 7 and 9 pieces.
Extension 8 x 4 Dining Table, Austrian Chairs, Rugs.
8 Floor Carpets, Rooms Linoleum and Oilcloth, Matting.
Bedroom Suites, Combinations, Chests Drs., Toilet Ware
All Size Bedsteads (20), with Wires and Bedding complete.
Lace Curtains, Chen. and Tap. ditto, House Linen, Kitchen Suite, Dresser, Tables, First-class Oil Combination Cooking Stoves.
Plants and Jardinieres, Glassware, China, Cutlery, and Crockery Ware. A good lot throughout.
HEBDEN BRODRIBB,
AUCTIONEER,
NO. 2 KETTLE-ST.,
WOOLLAHRA.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
under instructions from W. G. Plowman, Esq., at his Residence,
"IRENE," SPENCER'S ROAD (off Queen-street), WOOLLAHRA.
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, including—
Glassware, China, Linoleums, Pictures, Ornaments, Sideboard, Dining Table, Aust. Chairs, Couch, Easy Chairs, Dressing Chests, Wash. T. Washstands, Brass-mounted D. and B. Bedsteads, Kitchen Dresser, Tables, Cooking Utensils, Sundries.
CLARKE AND SOLOMONS, AUCTIONEERS, WALKER and BLUE STREETS, NORTH SYDNEY.
UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.
AT THE ROOMS,
18 ENMORE-RD, NEWTOWN (near Railway Bridge).
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, comprising
WALNUT-FINISHED SIDEBOARD, WALNUT OVERMANTEL,
AUSTRIAN SUITE, COMBINATION CHESTS, DOUBLE AND SINGLE BEDSTEADS, CHILD'S COT, Upholstered Couch, Loo Table, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Ware, 6-drawer Cedar Chest, Superba Sewing Machine, Linoleums, Austrian and Kitchen Chairs, Cedar Dresser, Crockery, and Kitchen Utensils.
FOR ABSOLUTE UNRESERVED SALE.
J. RUSSELL JONES has received instructions to sell by auction, as above.
TO THOSE IN SEARCH OF A LUCRATIVE BUTCHERING BUSINESS,
DEALERS, THE TRADE, AND OTHERS.
ON MONDAY NEXT, AT 2.30 P.M.,
on the Premises known as
THE SMITHFIELD MEAT MARKET,
WILLOUGHBY-STREET, NORTH SYDNEY,
near the Town Hall, Milson's Point.
COMPUTING SCALES, MARBLE COUNTERS, STEELYARDS, MARBLE SALTBOARD, Hooks, Benches, OUTSIDE LAMPS, Fillets, MEKEN'S GAZ PUMP, GLANFIELD'S ICE CHAMBER, Block, Trays, Buckets, and 4 Quantity of USEFUL ARTICLES used in the Business.
HYAM HAINS
will sell as above, under instructions from the PROPRIETOR, who is relinquishing business.
The whole will be submitted as a going concern, if not sold, in LOTS TO SUIT PURCHASERS.

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PALACE THEATRE.
THIS FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL.
THE BANK OF N.S.W. MUSICAL and DRAMATIC SOCIETY will produce
"THE PARVENU,"
by G. W. Godfrey.
Under the Direction of Mr. J. R. ALLEN.
Prices: 2s 6d (Includ. booking), 1s. Box Plan, Paling's.

AUCTION SALES.

HURSTVILLE STATION.
The Railway Station at Hurstville is but five minutes' walk from Wright's Estate, which we offer at auction in good-sized allotments, TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, SATURDAY, April 4, on the Ground, at 3 o'clock. On coming out of the station, you simply turn slightly to your right, stroll along Forest-road, and before you are aware of it you will be there. This most important
AUCTION TO-MORROW
is a genuine realisation one, and we guarantee that the prices will prove a revelation. A great many of the building sections are slices of the very best building land available, while, although a few of the remainder are but fair, even those of medium quality compare favourably with most Hurstville Land obtainable at anything like a decent figure. The mere fact of
ARTHUR RICKARD AND CO., LTD.,
of 8½ Pitt-street, being the selling agents, is a guarantee that there will be a good attendance, and as that means spirited competition, you had better come along too. The Title is Torrens, and there are frontages to Forest-road, Hudson and Wright streets. The Hurstville Public School adjoins the property, and Shops, Church of England, Wesleyan Church, and numbers of splendid Cottage Homes are in the immediate neighbourhood. The terms have been arranged at from £1 Down, 10/ Month. Remember, the Auction is TO-MORROW AFTERNOON, SATURDAY, April 4, and if you ask for it you may have a Special Shopmen's Return Train Ticket to Hurstville, together with a Plan of
WRIGHT'S ESTATE.
There is a particularly good Railway Service to Hurstville. Trains leaving Sydney on Saturday, Afternoon at 2 o'clock (through to Hurstville), 2.3, 2.10, and 2.25 p.m. Our arrangements with the Railway people are that you may travel with our
TICKETS BY ANY TRAIN.

GOOD BUILDING LAND FOR SALE AT RANDWICK TO-MORROW.
To-morrow, 4th April, Raine and Horne will offer for sale by Public Auction, on the ground, 16 excellent Cottage and Villa Sites in Pemell Estate, Randwick. The Estate occupies an excellent position, with charming outlook, commanding magnificent views of Centennial Park, and surrounded by good residential properties.
The Estate is portion of the grounds of Helenie House, the well-known residence of J. Pemell, Esq., and overlooks the Randwick Racecourse.
The lots have frontages to Cowper-street, Princes-street, and Frances-street, and are all liberal sized, each having a frontage of 60ft or over by depths varying from 120ft to 170ft.
The Estate is situated at the Prince-street stop of the Electric Tram, and within 6 or 7 minutes of the surf at Coogee by tram
TERMS: 10 per cent. deposit, and the balance in 12 equal quarterly payments, with interest at 5 per cent.
The Title is Torrens. The Title is Torrens.
H. G. Davey, Esq., Conveyancer to the Estate, 107 Pitt-street.
RAINE and HORNE, Auctioneers, 86 Pitt-street.

NORTH SYDNEY.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL, at 11 o'clock,
at the Auction Rooms, Walker and Blue streets.
UNRESERVED SALE of FURNITURE and EFFECTS, comprising:—
Ex. Dining Table, Dresser Waggon, 6 Chairs and Hallstand, in solid Oak; Bedsteads and Bedding, Combs. and other Chests of Drawers, Washstands and Ware; Wardrobes and Toilets, Marble Tops, etc. Austrian Lounge and Chairs, and other Chairs, Carpet Squares, Linos, Sewing Machines, Gas Stoves, Clocks, Cutlery, Glassware, Kitchen Dressers and Utensils, Confectioners' Glassw., Showcases, Marble Tables and Mirrors, Carcases, etc., etc.
CLARKE AND SOLOMONS, AUCTIONEERS, WALKER and BLUE STREETS, NORTH SYDNEY.
GIGANTIC SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS.
TO SPECULATIVE BUILDERS, COUNTRY BUYERS, CONTRACTORS, AND PROPERTY OWNERS.
The Materials of 2 Modern 2-story Houses and Shops, on the Site of Demolition,
BAY-STREET, corner OLD ULTIMO-STREET, GLEBE,
TO-DAY, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
comprising
200 Sheets GALV. IRON, 5ft to 9ft lengths.
10,000 H.W. and Oregon Flooring, excellent order.
3000ft H.W. Joists, 8 x 3, 6 x 3, long lengths.
3000ft H.W. Rafters, 4 x 2, 4 x 2, sound, straight.
30,000 Sandstocks, 20,000 Machine BRICKS.
Doors Frames, mod. con. 6ft Sashes, Mantels, R. Grates.
200ft Skirting, Sound Panel and Ledge Doors.
30ft Awning Posts, Plates, etc., Architraves, Skirting.
Breakbark Girders, 27ft long; 800 loads dr. Ashlar.
3000 BANGOR SLATES, and Host of SUNDRIES.
A. BARNETT AND PUGH have been instructed to sell the above, by UNRESERVED PUBLIC AUCTION.
Auctioneers' Tel., 630 Edgecliff.
BUILDING MATERIAL SALE, MARRICKVILLE.
TO PROPERTY OWNERS, FARMERS, DAIRYMEN, CONTRACTORS, and OTHERS.
The Materials of a 6-roomed Cottage, on site, LIVING-STONE-ROAD, Marrickville, corner Prince-street.
TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, at 2.30 p.m.,
20,000 Bricks, Galv. Iron, H.W. Joists, 6 x 2½, H.W. Rafters, 4 x 2½, 1000ft Lining, Doors, Windows, etc.
A. BARNETT AND PUGH will sell the above first-class lot by UNRESERVED PUBLIC AUCTION. TERMS CASH.
TO LADIES and GENTLEMEN FURNISHING, DEALERS, and OTHERS.—THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 o'clock, FIRST-CLASS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS, R.M. H.T. Bedsteads, Wires, and Kapok Bedding, Pairs Toilets, Chests Drawers, Toilet Ware, Bevel Glass Canopy-top Sideboard, Dining Table, Austrian Chairs, Rocker, Oil-cloth, Crockery, E.P. Ware, Cutlery, Enclosed Dresser, K. Table, Cooking Utensils, Singer's Latest Improved Sewing Machine. HENRY LEVY has received instructions from Mr. THOMAS DAVIS to sell by Auction, at 25 CARDIGAN-STREET, GLEBE, off Darghan-street, the above First-class Furniture, only in use 3 months. Totally Unreserved. Auctioneers' Office: 81 George-street West. 'Phone: 936 Glebe.
THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock,
AT 170 GEORGE-STREET WEST, near Shepherd-street.
MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, Ladies' Silk, Cashmere, and other Dresses, Blouses, Skirts, Underclothing, Boots, Men's Shirts, Trousers, Vests, Ducks, etc., Children's Clothing, Bed and Table Linen, Furniture, etc. NO RESERVE.
Furniture and other goods received for auction or bought right out.
THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock.—PYNEBOEK, MULLENS-STREET (opposite Parnell-street), BALMAIN.—AUCTION SALE of Household Furniture and Effects, Chests Drawers, Austrian Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads, Tapestry Suite, Sideboard, Crockery, Glassware, etc. E. ATKINS, Auctioneer, will sell as above.

PALACE THEATRE.

TENNIS OR BOATING SHOES.
There's a deal of added pleasure to your boating or tennis if you have a pair of good sound shoes—the kind that never slip, and always feel comfortable on the foot. Foot dexterity is an important feature in both these pastimes, and a pair of "Perdriau" Shoes will add much to your activity.
Our "Champion"—in white, brown, or black, is good value at 8/3, while our white yachting shoe in best quality costs 6/.
Tennis shoes with good uppers of canvas and leather, soled with thick rubber, are priced at 10/6, 15/, 16/6.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 4th day of May, 1908, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 30th day of April, 1908.—ALFRED DENISON CAMPBELL (No. 17650), of Summerfield, Ironmonger. F. H. SALISBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. C. F. W. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 15th day of April, 1908, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a Creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 11th day of April, 1908.—Re CATHERINE DORMOR (No. 17686), of Bailli, Shopkeeper. F. H. SALISBURY, Acting Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of ANNE CHARLOTTE CLEAVE, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Executors' Tenth Account in the above Estate have this day been filed in my Office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come and object thereto, if they shall think fit, before the seventh day of May, at twelve o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court commission will be applied for on behalf of the said Executors. Dated this second day of April, in the year 1908. WILLIAM GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. S. M. STEPHENS, Solicitor, Oxford-chambers, 30 Moore-street, Sydney, Proctor for the Executors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JAMES O'BRIEN, late of Mt. Elrington, near Rossbrook, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or affecting the Estate of JAMES O'BRIEN, the aforesaid deceased, who died on or about the 14th day of November, 1907, and Probate of whose Will was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to JAMES JOHN O'BRIEN, MICHAEL RICHARD O'BRIEN, and JAMES JOSEPH MAHER, the Executors named in the said Will, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said Executors at the offices of Deane and Deane, Proctors for the said Executors, 33 Rowe-street, Sydney, on or before the 22rd May next, at the expiration of which time the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which they shall have had notice, and the said Executors will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 30th day of March, 1908. DEANE and DEANE, Proctors for the said Executors, 33 Rowe-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ARTHUR THOMAS COCKS, late of Errige Park, Bowral, in the State of New South Wales, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ARTHUR ALFRED CLEMENT COCKS, the father of the said deceased, when application will also be made to dispense with or reduce the usual Administration Bond. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all creditors are required to send particulars of their claims within the said fourteen days. ARTHUR JAMES McDONALD, Proctor for Administrator, 66 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of PETER HENRY DUNN, late of Barooga, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased.—Application hereof that the Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased granted by the Supreme Court of Victoria to MARY ANN DUNN, the Executrix named in the said Will, may be sealed with the seal of this Court. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, ARCHIBALD C. TUTHILL, of Shepparton, in the State of Victoria, Proctor for the Executrix. By his Agent, WILLIAM H. DREW, of Bull's-chambers, 14 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JANE BOURKE, late of Dawson's Springs, near Trunkey, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that administration of the estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased, left unadministered by JOHN HENRY BOURKE, to whom administration was granted on the 22nd day of August, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, may be granted to PATRICK JOSEPH BOURKE, a son of the said deceased, and that the said administration bond be dispensed with. All notices must be sent to and all notices may be served at the office of ALFRED GORDON THOMPSON, Proctor for the Applicant, William-street, Bathurst. By his Agents, Messieurs COLQUHOUN and BASSETT, 188 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM WHITE, late of Broken Hill, in the State of New South Wales, Storekeeper, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JABEZ COPLEY, of Broken Hill aforesaid, Business Manager, the Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. Dated this twenty-eighth day of March, 1908. JOHN R. EDWARDS, Proctor, Argent-street, Broken Hill, whose Agents are Messieurs PIGOTT and STINSON, Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicil of JAMES ROBINSON, late of West Maitland, in the State of New South Wales, Builder, deceased. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the said Will and Codicil of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALEXANDER MARSHALL and THOMAS ROBINSON, the Executors named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the deceased should be sent within the said 14 days. S. W. THOMPSON and SON, Proctors for the Executors, West Maitland. By their Agents, ASH and MACLEAN, 98A Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of BRANNAH CROCHRANE, late of Newington Asylum, Rockwood, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN ALEXANDER COCHRANE, the eldest Brother of the deceased, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the said deceased should be sent within the said 14 days. Application will also be made to have the usual bond dispensed with. JOHN DUNCAN KENNEDY, Proctor for the Applicant, Manilla. By his Agents, ABBOTT and ALLEN, Sydney.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

A HAMMOCK lengthens your lease of life. Have some and comfort while you live. You will be no longer time dead than alive. Spend your spare moments reclining in a hammock. We have just imported a special range of Hammocks. We sell a beauty at 5s; an extra special one for 7s 3d; a real topper with pillow for 9s 6d. We have an improved folding iron stand to fit the hammock to, 12s 6d.

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IN GEORGE-STREET.

SUNNARY HILLS MINES AND TRAMWAY COMPANY, Limited.

HOLDERS of DEBENTURE STOCK in the above-named Company are requested to forward their Certificates to the Registered Office, Brockman's-building, Adelaide, for the purpose of having endorsed thereon notice of the Supplemental Trust Deeds respectively dated 9th December, 1907, and 16th January, 1908.

By order of the Board,

J. K. SAMUEL,
Secretary.

9th March, 1908.

SUNNARY HILLS MINES AND TRAMWAY COMPANY, Limited.

HOLDERS of SHARES in the abovenamed Company are requested to forward their Certificates to the Registered Office, Brockman's-building, Adelaide, for the purpose of having endorsed thereon notice of the alteration in the Constitution of the Company, made by Special Resolutions passed on 16th January, 1908.

By order of the Board,

J. K. SAMUEL,
Secretary.

10th March, 1908.

COME TO RICKARD'S AUCTION AT HURSTVILLE TO-MORROW. WE GUARANTEE THE PRICES WILL PROVE A REVELATION. TERMS: FROM £1 DOWN, 10s MONTH. SPECIAL SIXPENNY RETURN TICKETS AT 84B PITT-STREET. SEE AUCTIONS.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of MARCUS CLARK and COMPANY, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 84 George-street, Sydney, on TUESDAY, APRIL 14th, 1908, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of Confirming a Resolution passed at the meeting held 31st March last.

By order of the Board,

M. SHORTUS, Secretary.

WATCHES CLEANED, 2s; best English Mainsprings, 3s. REPAIRS guaranteed one year. NOLAN, TIME, and CO., 702 George-street, Haymarket.

KEYS FITTED, LOCKS REPAIRED, SAFES OPENED. T. H. LONGSHAW, 279 Pitt-street, next School of Arts.

VOLUNTARY and Testimonial to Rev. Canon JONES, Principal of Moore College, at Public Meeting, TO-NIGHT, 7.45. JOHN KENT, Esq., will preside. All invited.

THE CHILD STUDY ASSOCIATION.—Dr. ALAN CARROLL will lecture on "Mental Deficient and Ineducable Children This Day, from 9.30 a.m., at 84B Pitt-street. Parents advised to attend early. D. Izett, hon. sec.

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NOTICE.—Any goods left in my establishment over three months will be sold if not called for within seven days from this date. M. CONNERY, 164B William-street.

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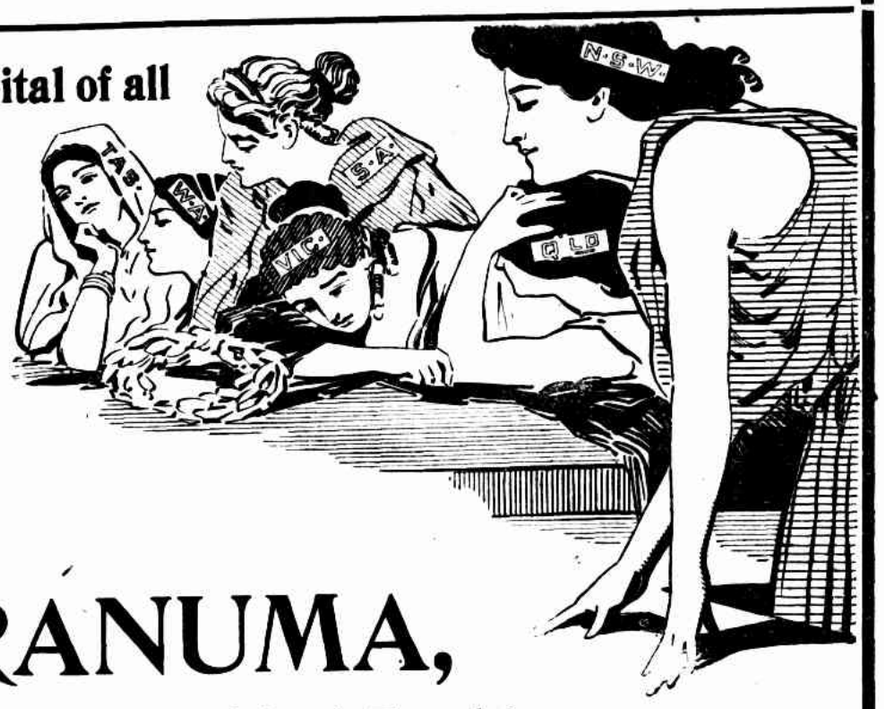

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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

Miss Beljoy, of Drury Lane, had rapidly become a noted person—if not for her talent at least for her attractions. And from the instant that he had heard of the identity of the future Lady Wroth, he had jumped to the opinion which Holroyd had candidly imparted to him a few minutes before in the street. "A put-up job, mark me, sir, mark me. Martindale and I saw Wroth tipping her the wink when it came to the point. By the lord, if I should ever be forced to marry at a day's notice, I hope my fate will wear as alluring a little muzzle!"

True, the lawyer had just received from his client explanations and instructions somewhat incompatible with this view. But Lord Wroth's eccentricity was becoming systematic. And Mr. Minchin was still too angry with him not to be inclined to place the worst construction upon his motives.

The lawyer had passed a sleepless night. While his pride bade him carry out his threat, and abandon the young man to his fate, every instinct in his legal being, a kind of professional passion, and a natural tenacity of purpose, rebelled against being beaten in a case the gaining of which must prove so profitable alike to client and firm. At first, indeed, he would not admit to himself that it was for any other purpose than a kind of mental relaxation during the long hours of vigil that he had begun to examine the various manners in which the license difficulty could be surmounted, and a legal marriage accomplished in spite of its apparent impossibility. Though a man of the utmost rectitude, no lawyer in the land had made a deeper study of the ways in which the spirit of laws could be evaded whilst their letter was accomplished. In this case, however, there was but one loophole; and to get through it would mean a tight squeeze, involving the loss of certain rags and shreds of integrity; nay, the possible loss to himself of that good cloak of reputation he had worn so honourably all these years.

Yet the more Mr. Minchin dallied with this mental exercise the more irresistible its fascination became. He could never have told the exact moment when his resolution to take the risk was formed. Yet when the dawn broke, he was not only resolved, but filled with an odd sort of eagerness for, almost enthusiasm in his questionable scheme.

He could hardly wait for a seasonable hour to ride into Tunbridge Wells to select a clergyman suitable to his plans. His mad client's last words had been, "It's your business, Minchin, to make it legal; that's where you come in."

Mr. Minchin was determined to do his business. Lord Wroth's marriage was apparently going to be as disreputable as the rest of his proceedings. It might, probably would, lead to trouble hereafter; but his lawyer would see that it was binding. As to its consequences in other legal directions—if unpleasant consequences there should be—why, it would be his lordship's business to bear with them. As he gazed upon the notorious person whom it had pleased Lord Wroth to select, in the most notorious manner conceivable, the thought arose that no doubt the madcap had had after all some method in his madness, and had chosen this singular bride in so singular a manner with some plan of present enjoyment and future freedom. And he rejoiced grimly in the knowledge of the solidity of the bond he was preparing for them.

He now took deliberate stock of the lady's finery, her farce of grand deportment, of beauty retiringly veiled, and the sharp smile sketched itself on his lips. Mr. Minchin had his vicarious experience of the world; he knew that attitude of dignified reserve in which when your lady of pleasure chooses to assume it, she will outmatron any matron, Roman or British.

"Were I to beg her to lift her veil," he sneered to himself, "she'd be capable of raising a cry of 'Unhand me, villain!' in the best tragic manner. Well, I'm sure my young man deserves no better. Yet, if time were not so short——" Madam," he began aloud, in his driest tone, "I presume I am correct in understanding that you have been prepared for my errand—in short, that you have agreed to marry Lord Wroth in such exceptional circumstances this morning."

Again the slow inclination of the head.

"For reasons," he went on, "which no doubt his lordship will afterwards explain to you, Lord Wroth desires his marriage to take place not later than to-day. In this very peculiar situation there are matters of paramount importance to attend to in a very short time, and therefore my interview with you must be as brief as possible."

The plumes here remained perfectly steady. With a jerk of the shoulders the lawyer proceeded somewhat tartly:

"The name of Beljoy, madam, I take it, is assumed—an assumption most usual for stage purposes. Your real name is——"

"Juliana Mordante Beljoioso."

It was a low, deliberate voice that dropped the three words from beneath the veil. The lawyer's grey eyebrows were elevated.

"Would you kindly spell it. Thanks. Ah, I see now the connection: Beljoioso, Beljoy. But the name is foreign." He was writing rapidly in his note-book.—Domicile."

"Formerly of Italy; now of no fixed abode."

Mr. Minchin looked at a moment. But it was scarce his mission at such a juncture to create difficulties. Time pressed. It was not the moment to investigate. He passed on rapidly.

"Spinster, of course," he said, his pencil poised, sure of the answer.

"Widow."

Mr. Minchin started. He glanced sharply at her. His face became corrugated into lines of frowning perplexity. Before the legal mind vistas of horrid possibilities spread themselves. A husband—these ladies had ways of burying their impediments. And these impediments had a way of rising from their graves whenever it was profitable to do so. The case was common, common to monotony, but in connection with himself, with the fortunes of Wroth, bigamy, scandal, annulments—his bride! His soul moaned for the security of honest Mary Campbell, and for the hundredth time he anathematised the insensate folly that had rejected her.

"Married, madam?" he queried sternly.

"Widowed," said the steady voice.

The words somehow carried conviction there was not a tremor among the black and white feathers nor a twitch of the folded hands. For the first time he felt a sudden absurd temptation, instantly repressed, to snatch away the veil. What would the face be like of one who had such a voice and such hands? "'Pon my soul," he cried to himself impatiently, "that's a confoundedly dangerous woman. 'Alluring little muzzle,' indeed! How these puppies talk!"

If his impression counted for anything, incomplete as it was, the future Lady Wroth was none of your pretty fools, and a deep-designing woman! One too clever to place herself at variance with the law. Well, his responsibility ended with the marriage. He proceeded hurriedly:

"With regard to settlements, I think you will have no cause for complaint. Lord Wroth intends to allow you for life two thousand pounds a year—which will be paid quarterly in advance. This will be settled on you by deed. He wishes me to inform you that, however, he attaches no condition to this handsome settlement save one, which no doubt will be as agreeable to yourself as to him. . . though it it somewhat unusual in a matrimonial contract. It is this: that you respect his liberty of action as completely as he will respect yours. You are to consider yourself absolutely free to pursue your profession, to choose your residence, so long as it is not within twenty miles of his own. In fact your existences are to separate absolutely after the ceremony. This condition he has instructed me to make unmistakably clear to you. I need not point out, madam, that sentiment should not enter into an alliance contracted in such exceptional circumstances."

The plumes bent very low.

The door creaked suddenly. The lawyer shot an uneasy look over his shoulder, and waited a moment. But their privacy remained undisturbed.

"The ceremony takes place," he resumed, "at St. Thomas' at a quarter before noon. May I request you to be there is good time?"

"I will be there," said Juliana.

The lawyer paused and hemmed. He began to tap the table with a dry finger. If it could be said that Mr. Minchin was ever embarrassed, it was on this occasion. He was determined to keep secret the real cause of Lord Wroth's hasty marriage from the person chiefly concerned until its conditions had been irrevocably accepted. It would have been torning a cat into the dairy! God knows what extortionate bargain the woman might exact, could she guess the fortune that was at stake. Nevertheless, to conceal his own anxiety for the immediate tying of the knot, to explain the subterfuge that would be necessary to make valid the license, was no easy task.

"You have some previous acquaintance with his lordship?" he began, tentatively.

There was the faintest inclination. It seemed to mark the degree of acquaintanceship.

"You are aware at least that he is of an eccentric disposition?"

Her head remained steady.

"At any rate, madam," said the lawyer, pettishly, "you have seen an example of his lordship's humour to-day. It is his pleasure to conduct the serious business of life upon the lines of schoolboy frolic. When, a fortnight ago, I received his instructions to obtain a marriage license"—never was the lawyer's voice more assured, never his eye more steady, than upon the utterance of this stupendous lie—"he apparently had fixed his choice upon another lady, for the name, he told me, was that of ah—Mary Campbell——"

He drew the license from his pocket and spread it on the table.

"It may be," he pursued, "that the lady in question has failed to her promise, and that Lord Wroth wishes to show—wishes to——" he began to grow confused, his unusual burst of romantic inspiration began to fail him. "At any rate"—his finger drummed—"he has set his heart on being wed to-day. Nothing can restrain him from his determination. And to ensure the legality of the ceremony, indeed to ensure the ceremony taking place at all, it will be necessary for you to consent to sign the register under the name of Mary Campbell. Are you attending to me, madam?" he cried, sharply. "This is a delicate, a serious matter, one in which the consequences of the slightest misunderstanding would be deplorable."

(To be continued.)

COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

WEDNESDAY HALF-HOLIDAY.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

As a result of an agitation in favour of a weekly half-holiday for the store employees in the Helensburgh district, an understanding has been arrived at amongst the storekeepers that Wednesday afternoon be fixed for the closing of all shops in the neighbourhood.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

COOMA, Wednesday.

The Quarter Sessions opened on Monday before Acting Judge Edmonds, Mr. C. A. White acting as Crown Prosecutor. Abdeen Ferris, charged with having on January 9, at Jingera, maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm on Joseph Jacob, storekeeper, pleaded not guilty, and was

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

STOCK INSPECTORS.

The dissatisfaction which has existed for some years amongst the stock boards of the State with reference to the appointment and control of stock inspectors would seem to be culminating, as active steps are being taken for a reform in the present system. It cannot be denied that some change is necessary, for the present position is unsatisfactory to all concerned. The inspectors are paid by the boards, and work under their direction, but are appointed by the Minister, and cannot be dismissed or their salary reduced without his consent. In consequence there is a divided authority and consequent friction. There have been instances where boards have attempted to reduce the salary, without success, and it can easily be understood that in such a case matters are unpleasant for all concerned. While the grievance is very palpable there may be a difference of opinion as to the remedy. When the old stock boards gave place to the pastures board, and the inspectors became public servants, it was necessary that they should be protected; otherwise men who had rendered long and valuable service to the State in what was a most important position might not have received fair treatment, for an inspector who does his duty can easily make very powerful enemies, and the trouble is that these enemies belong to that section of the community who elect and are members of the pastures board. The inspectors having since been made rabbit inspectors, this factor has been aggravated. It is not an uncommon thing to see an inspector making very drastic reports which really amount to a criticism of the ratepayers and also the boards. No doubt these reports are made in the best interests of the community, but recognising the limits of human nature it is questionable whether the average inspector would act in the same way if he knew he was criticising men who had absolute control over him; nor can it be guaranteed that if he did so he would always receive just treatment. This fact must be remembered when it is advocated that the boards should have the right of absolute control, appointment, and dismissal. While the boards are paying their inspectors' salaries it would certainly seem logical that they should have this power. But it must be always remembered that a stock inspector has a very serious and far-reaching duty to the whole of the people of the country, as well as his duty to the stockowners. There are times when that duty may bring him into antagonism with individual owners while safeguarding the public health. Of course, viewing the question largely, the interests of all sections of the community are as one in this important regard. It cannot be assumed for one moment that the stockowners of this State as a body would not heartily support the action of the Stock Department at any time in protecting the public. They are an honourable body of men, but there are black sheep in every fold, and continually there are individual instances where men have put monetary gain before the public weal. Anyone acquainted with country conditions knows that there is often a difference of opinion in regard to quarantine restrictions and the treatment of disease and similar matters. Men who are perfectly honourable in their intention often rebel against what they consider inequitable measures, and unknowingly this may leave a prejudice in their minds. These things accumulate to the detriment of the inspectors who are doing their duty, and in the course of a few years probably have a good many active enemies and few friends, for at least while their enemies are careful not to forget, the great body of ratepayers may not be as equally careful to remember. All these possibilities combine to hinder inspectors from rigorously carrying out their duties if they have not a certain sense of independence. Again, the combination of the position of stock and rabbit inspector has not altogether been a success. In most districts a stock inspector has quite enough to do without bothering about rabbits. Probably the most satisfactory solution of what is largely an unendurable state of affairs would be for the stock inspectors as a body to be paid by the Government, and be absolutely under the control of the department. The expense involved to the community is justified by the protection afforded the public health. Under these conditions inspectors have nothing to hinder them in doing their work fearlessly and well, while the pastures board can appoint their own inspectors and use their funds for the destruction of rabbits and other pests, at the same time, of course, continuing to co-operate with the department in matters pertaining to the stock-raising industry.

THE EASTER SHOW.

SPLENDID ENTRIES.

The entries for the Royal Agricultural Society's Show, taken over a period of years, indicate that while there is a constant advance all through, there is often a change in prominent sections. At the show of 1907 the cattle section was undoubtedly the strongest; in fact, it was said by visitors from other States and countries that it was probably the finest show of cattle which had been got together in Australia.

Judging by the entries this year, horses will be the greatest attraction. The entries have increased from 860 in 1907 to nearly 1100 for this year's exhibition, and the secretary is of opinion that this will be the finest equine display that visitors to Sydney have ever witnessed. Not only are the pedigree classes very heavy, but in saddle horses, light harness horses, hunters, and trotters, there are very large numbers, all high-class animals. No section shows such an improvement as the draught horse section, and it will be the more interesting this year than certainly at any previous show, for the reason that at any previous show, for the reason that three pedigree breeds are represented. For the first time in Australia a section has been included for shire stallions, and it is satisfactory to learn that splendid specimens of factory to learn that splendid specimens of the great English carthorse breed have been entered. These horses were all imported by their various owners during 1907. Seventeen blood stallions will come before the judge, who is a well-known breeder of thoroughbreds in Victoria, and there are 32 trotting stallions in the class four years old and over. Other entries in trotters are very heavy, and here another Victorian judge will officiate.

It has frequently been prophesied that the jumping of horses at shows would become unpopular, but apparently there are more of these fine active horses in the State than ever, for far more are entered in the Royal Easter Show than last year, when the cross tests were so remarkably interesting. The Maiden Hunters' Plate has 23 entries, and the Royal Heavy Weight Hunters 20, while the Palace has closed with 30. All through the jumping events the entries are very large, and there is every prospect of some splendid exhibitions in the ring. The judging in the hands of a prominent hunting man from Melbourne, who has not acted in this capacity at any previous Sydney show, there are 15 horses in the principal high jump, 18 in the water jump, and 13 in the ladies' hunting contest. The pony jumping is also well represented, there being 16 entries in the 14.2 hands class. A great number of crack trotters are entering; there being no handicap events in the schedule, only the very fastest horses are entered for competition. The largest class is champion trot or pace, in which 14 are entered.

The total entries for the cattle section are some 70 better than the total for the show of 1907. There is a great advance in the beef Shorthorns. Several very fine bulls will be paraded in the aged classes, while there are great lists of young stock. Sixty-two bulls are entered in the one year and under two years old. Herefords will be a very much stronger sub-section than at any previous show for some years past. There is a falling off in polled cattle. Despite the encouragement given to Aberdeen Angus breeders by the society, they do not seem to make much effort to bring this valuable breed before the public. In the Red Polled classes there is a very much better entry, and these handsome cattle will be well represented. Milking Shorthorns have attracted enormous long entries. Ayrshires are stronger than ever, and the same may be said of Jerseys. The Guernsey section has also increased, and promises to be one of some importance in the near future.

Other sections in which the show will be much larger than before are farm produce, dairy produce, wine, pigs, dogs, and machinery. The poultry show will be a very fine one, but there is no increase in entries. Apparently the Royal has been particularly fortunate in securing the same number of entries as the last show. The year has been a very bad one for birds, and most of the poultry shows have suffered severely in consequence.

The secretary anticipates that the coming show will be nearly one-third larger than the exhibition of 1905. This means that the society has increased the size of its annual exhibition by nearly one-third in the course of three years. The actual total of entries is not yet available, but it is known that these will be between 7000 and 8000.

AN EXHIBIT FROM GRENFELL.

WHAT THE LAND CAN DO.

The show window of the Intelligence Department, at Martin-place, for the next two weeks will give the public of Sydney an illustration of the resources of the Grenfell district. Last season was a good one in the country round that part of the State, and the fruits of it are now exhibited by the Grenfell P. A. and H. Society. The result is striking, comprehensive, and useful, as information is given important to would-be settlers and investors. The exhibit has been prepared by Messrs. Geo. Cousins and R. Miles, and includes 110 varieties of cereals, including 55 varieties of wheat, amongst which are samples of the popular Federation, Comeback, Bobs, and Purple Straw, and also some less cultivated varieties, such as Jumbuck, Macaroni, Jude, and Jonathan. They are all labelled, with particulars of the rainfall, quality of soil, and yield. The best samples are from the well-known Iandra Estate; Federation, which yielded 36 bushels, and Comeback, which weighed 67lb. There are also varieties of Bobs and Sutton's Prolific and Purple Straw from other growers, which weighed about 67lb. In fact, there is no wheat shown weighing under 64lb. There are 7 samples of rye, 7 varieties of barley, 10 of millet, 6 of corn, and 24 of oats in grain and sheaf. Exhibits will also be made of samples of grasses, vegetables, ensilage, hay, fruit, and wool.

The collection shows enterprise on the part of those responsible, and should serve a profitable purpose in drawing attention to a sound and rich district.

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURE.

The permanent committee of the International Institute of Agriculture has been convened for May 23, at Rome, for the purpose of drawing up a plan for the working of the institute. The Italian Government has notified the adhering nations (which includes Australia) to that effect. The sessions of the institute will be held in the Palace of the International Institute of Agriculture in Rome, now nearing completion.

THE FRUIT-GROWING INDUSTRY.

Mr. James Purser writes:—With regard to the prospects before fruit growers, all the citrus trees are in a healthy, flourishing state of growth, and never looked better. The grower likes to see the fruit also. This season's coming main crop, taking the old trees on the whole, is almost a failure. There may be a few exceptions. I know of some orchards where they turned off last season five thousand cases; this season there won't be fifty. Taking what we term the middle sized tree, and the young trees, say, up to five or six years old, there is from a light to fair crop, and as there are some tens of thousands of this class of tree, there is likely to be a light main crop this season. Owing to the late rains the growth and bloom are almost phenomenal upon the citrus trees. For the time of year I have never seen the crop of bloom so heavy and healthy. The setting growth of the young orange is most vigorous, many already being the size of small marbles. My sons have a good crop, and it is might be said of most of the orchards throughout the country. Singularly, there are exceptions, where the trees have not bloomed. Kurrajong, I hear, has a heavy crop of these young oranges. The question may be asked, "Are these young off-crop oranges likely to prove profitable, and what time of the year will they be fit for market?" I have no doubt whatever as to the quality and profitableness of the fruit. Having such a splendid start, as we are sure to have winter rains, the fruit will become well matured, and under the circumstances mentioned are likely to colour in October, and be fit for market in November. Therefore the future does not, on the whole, appear so dark as some would try to make it. These latter oranges will be proof against the fruit-fly, as they will be firm and solid. It is the ripe, soft orange the fly likes; and besides, he is about taking up his winter quarters, and is not likely to show himself until after next Christmas. In accordance with the Fruit Pest Act, last season thousands of cases of oranges had to be burned or boiled, that had not a grub in them, because they were wind-falls. The grower was forced to this expense, and there are some to be found who are asking that a penalty clause might be inserted in the Act. They are so humble that they are anxious to turn the other side of the cheek that the Government might next season blacken both eyes for them.

DEARTH OF SURVEYORS.

In the Legislative Assembly last evening the Minister for Lands, in reply to Mr. Burgess, admitted that delay had been caused in getting people on the land by reason of the dearth of surveyors. They could not get the men they wanted, but examinations had just been held, and as a result they expected to have a few more surveyors at the disposal of the department almost immediately.

Replying to Mr. O. Jones on the question of paying the surveyors higher salaries, the Minister declared that the department was prepared to pay its surveyors as liberally as anyone else would do, and more than that it could not be expected to do, nor would it be justified in doing. In order to leave no possible stone unturned in pushing on the work of surveying wherever it was shown that extra expense had been incurred by surveyors in carrying out their surveys in out-of-the-way parts of the country, the allowance to such surveyors had been increased.

MEETINGS OF FARMERS.

KYOGLE.—At a largely-attended public meeting on Thursday, presided over by Mr. E. N. Larkin, it was resolved to form a pastoral and agricultural society in Kyogle. An active canvass of the district is being made for members, and it is anticipated that the solicitations will meet with a generous response. All present intimated their readiness to become members.

YOUNG.—At the P. and A. meeting, held at the society's room on Thursday, Mr. Forsyth (president) occupied the chair. Mr. Dwyer was elected secretary, and Mr. W. J. Hills appointed caretaker of the ground.

PASTURES BOARDS.

SINGLETON.—The Pastures Protection Board met on Wednesday for the purpose of fixing the annual stock assessment; but when it was shown that the rate of 1½d per head on large stock and 2s per 100 on sheep in operation during the past year would not quite meet the amount now required, viz., £606 17s, the board declined to accept the obligation of fixing the assessment. It was suggested that the duty might be handed over to the board to be elected next month, and it was pointed out that if the new body declined to strike a rate such action would, possibly, have more effect with the department than a refusal from the expiring board. If such a condition of affairs came about, the Government would have no option but to endeavour to appoint a board to administer the affairs of the Pastures Protection Board in this district. The estimates for 1908-9 allow, among other things, £185 for scalp bonuses; but for this benefit the ratepayers will be called upon to pay £584. The bulk of the money is paid in salaries, and members yesterday questioned the wisdom of the existence of the board, as the members are merely figureheads, and the board might as well be dead so far as its official life was concerned. One member went so far as to say there was not a ratepayer who was not favourable to the abolition of the board, and another suggested that all the directors should forthwith resign. However, this extreme course was not adopted, and a motion was carried that the fixing of the assessment be passed on to the new board for consideration on May 13.

THE RABBIT PEST.

NARRABRI.—Floods have done great damage to the rabbit-proof barrier fence built by the P.P. Board between Narrabri and Baan Baa and Narrabri and Wee Waa. Many lengths have been completely carried away or buried in the sand. Men have been put on to effect repairs. Rabbits from Crown lands still continue to menace adjoining holders. The rabbit inspector reports that rabbits are not so numerous in the district, though they are thick in patches, and, considering the late good season, have been kept well in check by landholders.

GOVERNMENT WIRE-NETTING.

DELAY IN DELIVERY.

SINGLETON.—It was mentioned at a meeting of the Pastures Protection Board on Wednesday that some landholders in the district ordered wire netting from the Lands Department, and that three or four months elapsed before the order was fulfilled. As the applicants paid cash for the netting, it was considered by the board that the Government should have exercised more despatch in delivery, and it was decided to stir the department up.

RUSHING A BLOCK.

WAGGA.—The land board on Wednesday conducted a ballot in connection with the disposal of a block of 630 acres near The Rock, made available last week as a conditional purchase lease at £3 per acre. This is the block in respect of which 249 applications were lodged. Of that number the board allowed 220 to go to the ballot. The winner of the block was Patrick Joseph Mitchell, of Dalton.

CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

DAYSDALE.—The advisory board took evidence here on Wednesday night respecting Goonambil and Corven.

GOOD DROVING PERFORMANCE.

NARRABRI.—Another good droving performance was put up on Wednesday. There arrived at Mollee station, just outside town, 7000 weihers, in the pink of condition, having come overland from Minnie Downs, Charleville, Queensland. The trip occupied five months. They are admitted to be the finest draft of sheep ever brought into the district.

DISTRICT ITEMS.

NARRABRI.—The stock routes are in a terrible condition on account of the prolific growth of burrs and thistles. It is impossible for the stock to travel in many parts, and they have now to come through the main streets. Mr. Chapman, the shire engineer, on Thursday commenced operations on the route near town with a grader.

GATTON EGG-LAYING COMPETITION.

BRISBANE.—The following occupy the first ten places in the egg-laying competition at Gatton College:—A. H. Padman, White Leghorns, 1238; Mrs. Craig, White Leghorns, 1432; Mrs. Cross, R. C. Minorcas, 1241; A. Shilling, White Leghorns, 1285; Wharepaka Poultry Farm, White Leghorns, 1319; W. Phillips, S. L. Wyandottes, 1200; G. Robertson, S. L. Wyandottes, 1194; Hillside Poultry Farm, White Leghorns, 1151; W. Beavan, White Leghorns, 1143; P. O'Neill, Black Orpingtons, 1112.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN APPLE CROP.

ADELAIDE (8 A.).—This year South Australia had a remarkably good apple season. Already shipments to England have totalled 108,602 cases. Last year the exports reached only 31,814 cases. The previous record was in 1905, when 85,000 cases were sent overseas.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

ADAMINABY.

ADAMINABY.—The Adaminaby Pastoral and Agricultural Association's annual show was continued on Thursday. A westerly wind was blowing, making it dusty and unpleasant. There was a much larger attendance. The attraction was chiefly in the ring events. A. Russell secured most of the awards in the cattle section, which were not well filled. No award was made for store bullocks. Additional awards:—

Cattle.—Durham bull: A. Brayshaw. Cow: A. Russell. Heifer: Hereford bull: A. Reynolds. Heifer: Russell. Dairy cow: Mrs. M. Locker. Heifer: Venables. Pen of three heifers: Venables. Fat ox, any breed: C. Yen. Fat cow: Yen.

Cattle dog: Yen.

Poultry.—The prize-winners were: G. Thorp, A. Bell, Mrs. Boushang.

Horses.—Blood stallion, 3yrs: M. J. Russell. Mare: W. O'Dwyer's Blue Bell, 1; A. Sorrell, 2. Mare: F. Russell, 1; C. Russell, 2. Yearling: C. Russell. Filly: C. Russell. Foal: J. G. M'Phie. Draught stallion, 3yrs: A. Reynolds, 1. Cow: Reynolds, 1; Venables, 2. Mare, 3yrs: J. Russell, 1; D. Delany, 2. 2yrs: Mrs. Power, 1; E. O'Neill, 2. Yearling: Mrs. Power, 1; A. Brayshaw, 2. Foal: J. Russell, 1; D. Mackay, 2. Stallion, any age: Reynolds. Miscellaneous.—Pony stallion: W. J. M'Gregor. Pair of plough horses: Watkins. Heavy single buggy horse: W. C. Goodwin. Light ditto: R. Porter, 1; C. Yen, 2. Pair of light ditto: Yen. Hackney, 12st: Heywood, 1; Boushang, 2. Ladies' hackney: F. Russell, 1; E. Russell, 2. Ditto, specials: Boushang, Heywood, E. Russell, F. Russell. Hackney, over 3ft 6in jumps: W. T. Crowe's Starlight, 1; W. C. Goodwin's Straide, 2. Pair of lady's and gentleman's hackneys: F. Russell, 1; Miss Russell, 2. Pony hackney, boy rider: R. Millwards. Roads, 2. Pony, in harness: C. J. Yen. High jump: W. Crowe's Starlight. Trotting contest: F. Pattrick. Best stock horse: W. W. Russell. Pony jumps, boy rider: W. Osmond.

BELLINGEN.

BELLINGEN.—The fifth annual show of the Bellinger Association was opened on Wednesday in most favourable weather. The entries for dairy stock numbered 250. Competition was keen. J. Gipde's Jersey bull was first and champion; R. Dowles' Ayrshire cow first and champion.

The horse section's first and champion draught, E. Hayes; mare, 1st and champion, E. Probert; blood stallion, G. L. Summerville; blood mare, W. Graham. The exhibits in farm produce were poor except in maize. E. Lovell was among the chief winners. R. M'Dougall secured first and specials for best bag of maize grown in the district. The Bellingen School secured the highest number of prizes in school work. Mrs. Boultwood, jams, cooking, and preserved. The Wellington Central Dairy Company first for butter; Glenifer second.

The attendance was the largest for any opening day yet. Bellingen Concrete Brick Company had the best unique exhibition of building material, such as blocks, mantles, and corners.

To-morrow the official opening will be performed by Mr. G. S. Briner, M.L.A.

Two thousand people visited the show on Thursday. The official opening was performed by Mr. G. S. Briner, M.L.A. The principal prizewinners were:—

Ayrshires.—Bull, over 3yrs: S. Smith, 1; T. Craig, 2. Over 2yrs: P. H. Morton, 1 and 2. Over 1yr: P. H. Morton, 1 and 2. Cow, 3yrs and over: R. M. Dowlin. Two years and over: S. Smith. One year and over: S. Smith. Calf: R. M. Dowle. Jerseys—Bull, 3yrs and over: J. Clyde. Bull, 1yr: W. Willis. Bull calf: J. Clyde. Cow, 3yrs and over: J. Clyde. Heifer, 2yrs: J. Gayde. Milking Shorthorns—Bull, 3yrs: Baker and Co. Bull, 1yr: M'Mullen Bros. Calf: W. Johnston. Cow, 3 yrs: Baker and Co. Heifer, 2yrs: W. Johnston. Heifer, 1yr: W. Johnston. Calf: R. M. Waddell. Any other breed—Bull calf: 1yr: W. Pearson. Bull calf, 6 months: W. Johnston. Cow in milk, 3yrs: Bahnsen. Cow, dry: W. Johnston. Heifer, 2yrs and over: W. Waddell. Three Shorthorn heifers: W. Johnston. Two crossbred heifers: W. Johnston. Two crossbred, under 1yr: W. Johnston. Grand champion cow: R. M. Dowle's. Ayrshire grand champion bull: J. Glyde's. Jersey cow, any breed, tested on ground, 12 hours' milk, 14lb milk, test 5?: Griffith Bros. Special—Three heifers: W. Johnston. Pigs.—Berkshire boar: R. S. M'Dougall. Under 1yr: G. W. Gordon. Berkshire sow: J. Bailey. Sow, any breed: J. Hutton. Three porkers: J. Hutton. Three bacon pigs: J. Bailey. Champion boar: G. W. Gordon. Champion sow: R. S. M'Dougall.

Farm Produce.—White maize: J. Cook, Yellow maize: W. D. Hole, 1; Horan, 2. Maize: E. Lovell. Queen of Paradise: E. Lovell. Bushel of maltable maize: G. Wills. Bag maltable maize, and Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker's special: R. S. M'Dougall. Lucerne hay: J. A. Long.

Potatoes.—Snowflake: R. J. Rickerby. Early Rose: R. J. Rickerby. Kidney: R. J. Rickerby. Brownells: J. Cook. Early Vermont: R. J. Rickerby.

Horses.—Blood stallion: C. L. Somerville. Blood mare: W. Graham. Draught—Stallion: J. Hayes. Mare: J. Probert. Gelding: R. M. Dowle. Filly, 3yrs: G. W. Gordon. Challenge mare: E. Lovell. Pony stallion: G. Richardson. Pony gelding: J. H. Young. Buggy gelding: J. H. Young. Pony under 13 hands: F. Doepel. Sulky gelding: D. M. White. Lady's hack: Jas. Richardson. Pair of buggy ponies: J. M'Rally.

CLARENCE.

GRAFTON.—The forty-first annual exhibition of the Clarence P. and A. Society was opened on Wednesday by Mr. J. M'Farlane, M.L.A., on the society's new grounds, on Fisher Park. There was a good attendance. The weather was fine. There was a good show of horses. Awards:—

Blood stallion: W. G. Coughran's Gaulus, 1; J. Turnbull's Master Thirza, 2. Colt: R. Perring's Fortus. Blood mare: W. Fisher. Foal: J. Combah, 2. Brood mare: W. Gilsson, 1; J. M'Donald's Myra, 2. Champion blood stallion: Gaulus. Champion blood mare: W. Gilsson. Coaching stallion: G. W. Patterson's Not Afraid. Mare: Gerrard Bros. Trotting stallion: J. T. M'Mahon's Tichborne. Mare: J. Forsythe's Florrie. Pair of buggy horses: J. A. Long. Buggy horse: Harry Oakes. Galloway stallion: J. A. Long's Pilgrim. Mare: J. Johnston. Weight-carrying colt: G. See's Brownlock. Racing galloway: J. Carlton. Galloway, driven: S. G. See's Rainbow. Pony stallion: W. G. Coughran's The Hero. Champion: W. G. Coughran's The Gift. Mare: T. S. Baker's Jess, 1; M. Tarrant's Fan, 2. Champion Suffolk Punch stallion: J. Brailsford's Bendleman Trimmer. Mare: J. H. Orr's Noble Nell. Champion draught stallion, best adapted to get stock for general purposes: J. Murphy's Estrick's Hero. Pair of plough horses: Gerrard Bros. Pioneer's Hero; Gerrard Bros. Springcart horse: J. T. M'Klitrick.

Cattle were of very superior quality, and in dairy stock the leading herds of the Richmond River were strongly represented, and carried off many blue ribbons. In Ayrshires, J. F. Spencer, of Lilydale, took the prize, and champion for bull; J. A. M'Lachlan similar honours for cow. The latter also took the prizes for heifer and pen of three cows. M. Brennan, of Ulmarra, was awarded the prize and champion for Jersey bull. T. Hadfield (Carr's Creek) securing the same distinction for cow. The latter also took three prizes in Jersey heifer classes. In Durhams, A. Fraser, of Lismore, took the prize and champion for bull. W. H. Dudgeon, of Bangalow, was equally successful for cow, also prizes for cow in milk, pen of three Durham cows, heifer and bull calf. In crossbreds, W. H. Dudgeon took the prizes for bull 3 years old, under 2 years, bull calf under 12 months, bull calf under 6 months, dry cow, heifer over 2 years, heifer under 2 years, heifer calf under 12 months, ditto under 6 months; J. R. Taylor took prizes for crossbred cow in milk, and pens of three cows. In the group classes the results were:—

Pen of three cows, in milk: W. H. Dudgeon. Pen of three heifers: J. R. Taylor. Ditto, under 2 years: W. H. Dudgeon. Ditto, under 1 year: W. H. Dudgeon. Bull and two progeny: M. M'Mahon. Group of dairy cattle: W. H. Dudgeon. Champion—Best dairy bull: A. Fraser's Yarraglen, which also took the award for grand champion for best bull on the ground. Champion dairy bull, under 2 years: W. H. Dudgeon. Grand champion cow: W. H. Dudgeon.

There was a good show of poultry, the winners being W. J. Loughman, Hewitt and Harrison, H. C. M'Killrick, W. D. Gerard, G. H. Bentley.

There was a very good show of farm produce in the pavilion, prominent being collections in trophy form from Alumy Creek and Lower Southgate. The Government Experimental Farm near Grafton also sent a collection of maize. Ford Bros. annexed most of the prizes, J. F. Spencer and T. T. Ford also scoring well. Ford Bros., C. H. Thornton, T. James, and G. Crispin scored well in other lines of farm produce. W. H. Paine took the largest number of awards in sugarcane. C. Parlow, T. James, and Smain and Son were the most successful exhibitors in vegetables. W. Ager and B. Coleman divided honours in the apiarian exhibits. Kritsch Bros., of Grafton, took ten prizes in the coachbuilding section.

The attendances on Thursday exceeded 5000. Additional awards:—

Hat Hackney: T. Cugston's Acolyte. Hat Hackney: S. Nolde's Crescent. Lady's hackney: C. Bailey. Champion hack: T. Cugston's Acolyte. All-round horse: T. Cugston's Farnoda. Best pair hackneys: S. Noble. Best horsewoman: Miss Noble and Miss Collett divided. Heavy cavalry horse: Bradfield's Heritage. Light cavalry horse: S. Noble's Crescent. Artillery horse: J. T. M'Kittrick's Grip. Transport horse: W. A. Znuth's Mary. Tandem: R. S. Congreve. Pony stallion: K. K. Ramsay. Pony mare, under 14 hands: E. Bender's Silvermaid. Mare, under 12 hands: J. Hann's Tibby. Pony, 13 hands and under, to be ridden: H. M'Lachlan's Ian. Pony, horse, or mare, to be ridden: A. Thompson's Dandy. Best pony mare: E. Bender's Silvermaid. Best all-round pony: A. Thompson's Dandy. Girl rider: M. Morris. Boy rider: Master Connor. Maiden pair buggy ponies, under 14 hands: J. J. Shea. Pair buggy ponies, under 14 hands: T. Russell. Pony, 13 hands and under, to be driven: Mrs. R. Richardson's Midget. Best pair of galloways: M. Finlayson. Pony, under 13 hands, to be driven: A. Thompson's Dandy. Lady driver: Mrs. Clark and Miss Corrigan divided. Maiden hunters' jump: D. K. M'Lachlan's Warrior. Open hunters' jump: T. Newland's Snowden, 1; D. K. M'Lachlan's Warrior, 2. High jump: Gerrard Bros.' Marvellous cleared 6ft 2in, 1; S. Newland's Half Holiday, 2. Consolation jump: E. F. Cosgrove's Middlesex. Buckjumping contest: J. Reede's Unicorn. Team: J. A. Long. Special hunt: Smith and Smith's Locket.

Sub-district collection farm produce was won by Alumny Creek, with 171 points; Lower Southgate, with 165 points, was second. The prize for factory butter was awarded to the Fresh Food and Ice Company, with 45 points, the Grafton Dairy Company, with 42 points, being second. There were 11 entries.

Best 50 cobs of maize: H. T. Ford won the prize with 41½lb of grain.

DUNGOG.

DUNGOG.—There was a large attendance on Thursday. Additional awards:—

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The takings at the gate amounted to £95.

DURHAM.

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PADDINGTON SHOOTING CASE.

ROSSITER COMMITTED.

"DON'T TAKE BUBBA AWAY."

The case resulting from the shooting incident which happened at Paddington on February 29, in which a married woman named Mary Emma Williams received several wounds, inflicted by revolver shots, was heard yesterday before Mr. Barnett, S.M., at the Paddington Police Court, when Joseph Rossiter, 41, a labourer, was charged with shooting with intent to murder.

The medical testimony by Dr. Maher, of St. Vincent's Hospital, was that Mrs. Williams had a punctured wound in the left temple, a similiar injury in the chest; also a perforated wound in the left wrist, and one in the scalp. The wound in the head was smeared with powder.

Constable James Welsh stated that he watched 22 Gerard-street, Alexandria, the residence of the accused. Witness saw the accused, whom he accosted, and asked, "What is the matter with you, Joe," simultaneously placing his hand in accused's right hand coat pocket, from which he drew out a revolver, and from another pocket witness took eight cartridges. The revolver was a six-chambered one, loaded in five chambers, and with one empty shell.

Rossiter, further questioned by witness, said he had shot himself because he had shot Mrs. Williams, and also that he had done that because Mrs. Williams had left him, and had taken his child with her. On examination, Rossiter was found to have been wounded, and was taken to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Senior-constable M'Nally said that at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital he read Mrs. Williams's dying depositions to the accused. In reply, Rossiter said, "That is quite correct, except where she said I threatened her. I didn't threaten her on Tuesday night last. I saw her that night in Jersey-road. I asked her not to take "Bubba" away altogether, but to let me see it sometimes. She said, 'Joe, if you get his (husband's) money will you come to the country with me?' She also took her purse out, and gave me a half-sovereign, and soon after gave me another. About 7.30 on Saturday night I saw Mrs. Williams, her husband, and Mrs. Lewis in a street near her place. I touched her on the shoulder, and then I fired. I fired four shots altogether. Her husband ran away. I took that woman and her child up when they were starving; they were getting relief. She told me on Tuesday night that if she had to live with her husband she would die."

George Williams, husband of Mrs. Williams, residing at Balmain, said he was a miner, but was carrying on the business of a greengrocer. On the evening of February 29 he was in Jersey-road, Paddington. At that time he was living in Forbes-street, Paddington. At the corner of Moncur-street and Jersey-road, Paddington, when in company with his wife and a Mrs. Lewis, a man approached hurriedly from the rear and an explosion immediately followed. The man then placed himself in front of the party and pointed a revolver. He could not say exactly at whom he pointed the revolver, as I went away." He heard four shots altogether.

His Worship: Is Mrs. Williams your wife?—Yes.

And you ran away?—Yes; to get assistance. I had nothing to defend myself with.

Mary Emma Williams, wife of the last witness, said that on February 29 she was residing at Forbes-street, Paddington. Witness stated that as she was walking near the church in Jersey-road she felt a touch on the shoulder, and on turning round she received a shot in the left ear. She crossed the road and Rossiter fired a second shot, which took effect in the wrist. A third shot missed, and she fell in the road. While she was lying on the ground Rossiter fired twice, wounding her in the breast and head.

In answer to the accused, witness said that when she first knew him she was in poverty. A week or so previous to the shooting she did not remember him saying to her that he would not interfere with her if she would let him see the little one. The accused was the father of the child, which was 14 months old.

Harriet Lewis, a married woman, stated that Rossiter also fired at but missed her.

Rossiter, who collapsed on several occasions, was committed to take his trial at the Central Criminal Court on June 1. Bail was refused.

LOCAL OPTION COURT.

(Before Judge Backhouse and Messrs. Smithers and Macfarlane, S.Ms.

The Court decided to reduce the hotels in the Rozelle electorate by four, as follows:—Frederick Clark, Royal Hotel, Crescent-street, Rozelle; Helena Millington, Rozelle Hotel, Darling-street, Rozelle; William Healy, Lord Nelson Hotel, Evans-street, Rozelle; Johanna Ryan, Mertonville Hotel, Beattie-street, Balmain. The licenses of these hotels will now expire two years from September 10 last.

The Court decided to reduce the wine licenses by one, and the license of Walter John Gardiner, 278 Darling-street, Balmain, will expire three years from next Wednesday.

DEPUTATIONS DISAPPOINTED

ROAD FROM BURRAGORANG.

A deputation of those interested in the silver mines of the Burragorang Valley was introduced to the Minister for Public Works by Mr. M'Court, M.L.A., yesterday, and urged the construction of a road from Nattai River Junction to Picton Lakes railway station. It was claimed that the present 14 silver ore from the district had to be carted over the Burragorang Mountain, which had an altitude of 1600ft, to Camden, which was only 160ft above sea level. Cartage amounted to 40s a ton, whereas by the new route it could be done for about 15s. The cost of the proposed road would be about £2500, and it would so stimulate the mining industry that instead of 1000 tons of silver ore, 2000 tons a month would be carted to the station.

Mr. Lee said the deputation should wait upon the local shire council, instead of upon him, as he was powerless to interfere in the matter of road-making. The Camden Council was opposed to the road being constructed to Picton Lakes, and had approached him for assistance to improve the existing road. It was remarkable that with such valuable mines and an output of 12,000 tons of ore a year, the rating for the locality was only about £20 a year. There was something wrong, and he had no doubt the council would look into it. It was time it did.

In response to Mr. M'Court's invitation Mr. Lee promised to spend a week-end in the Burragorang Valley within the next three months.

UNRATEABLE ROADS.

The Mayor of Rookwood and two members of his council were introduced to the Minister for Public Works as a deputation by Mr. Nobbs, M.L.A., yesterday, and made an appeal for financial assistance towards repairing East and Joseph streets. It was stated that Eastreet was the main road to the General Vermanent Necropolis, which extended along the street for 40 chains. Consequently no rates were derived therefrom. Parts of the other side of the street were Government land. Joseph-street was the main road from the railway station to Bankstown, and for eight miles of its length no rates were received.

Mr. Lee replied that in view of the fact that he had constructed a stormwater channel for the council, and had given other help of late years, he could not see that he would be justified in giving a special grant, even if he had the power. In the case under review it was through the want of systematic work on the part of the council that the roads had fallen into disrepair. Many other councils were similarly situated.

FRACAS AT WILLOUGHBY.

BRICKS, BOTTLES, AND STONES THROWN.

On a small job in the northern suburb of Willoughby a fracas took place in which three fellow workmen were involved. As a result proceedings were taken in the North Sydney Police Court yesterday. Austin Fuller, 21, a bricklayer, and Arthur Boyd, 18, a labourer, were charged with assaulting William Ernest Campton, a carpenter, at Willoughby, on March 16. Fuller and the same time proceeded against Campton for assault.

According to the tale unfolded by Campton, he and the two accused were employed on the same job. Fuller challenged him to fight, saying that if he could not beat him with his hands he could with a brick. Campton was not inclined to waste his time in so foolish a contest, and told Fuller he had better get to work. His challenger then called him dreadful names. After all the men had knocked off for the day, and left the job, with the exception of Campton, Fuller and Boyd returned. Fuller picked up two half-bricks, and threw them at Campton, one striking him on the side, and the other on the shoulder. Campton ran up the ladder on to the building in course of construction, but was followed by a shower of stones and pieces of timber, thrown by both of the accused, several of which struck him. Campton, after a while descended, Fuller grabbed him by the throat, and tried to kick him, and Boyd pelted him with stones and a bottle. Campton managed to get free, and made off for some empty premises hard by, in which he locked himself. Fuller and Boyd were, however, soon in pursuit, and made preparations for forcing the fort. While they were engaged at the task Campton got out of the back yard, and escaped in getting away. The injuries he received necessitated his seeking medical aid.

Fuller, in defence, stated that he was the aggressor, or that he had threatened Campton in any way. Campton, he said, started the row, and then they had a square and fair fight, which lasted 15 minutes. When Campton was getting beaten he picked up a saw, with which he cut Fuller across the hand. It was then that Boyd threw a bottle in the direction of, but not at, Campton. Boyd corroborated his mate's version of the affair, but failed to convince Mr. Parten, S.M., with the truth of the story. Both Fuller and Boyd were fined £5, with £1 17s 6d costs, or in default two months in gaol. The information against Campton was dismissed.

LAW REPORT.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

(Before the Chief Justice, Sir Samuel Griffith, and Justices Barton, O'Connor, Isaacs, and Higgins.)

A CONSTITUTIONAL MATTER.

THE UNION LABEL.

DID THE COMMONWEALTH EXCEED ITS POWERS?

Mr. Mitchell, K.C. (Victoria), and Mr. Glynn (S.A.), instructed by Messrs. Derham and Derham (Victoria), in conjunction with Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., appeared for the plaintiff, the Attorney-General of New South Wales, at and by the relation of certain brewing companies. Mr. Holman and Mr. Hall, instructed by Messrs. Brown and Beeby, appeared for the Brewery Employees' Union of New South Wales; and Mr. Duffy, K.C. (Victoria), Dr. Cullen, K.C., and Mr. Bavin, instructed by the Commonwealth Crown Solicitor (Mr. Powers), for the Registrar of Trades Marks.

The brewers challenge the constitutionality of section VII. of the Trade Marks Act, under the regulations of which the Brewery Employees' Union registered its label.

Mr. Mitchell continued his argument.

Mr. Justice Isaacs: Suppose a trade mark is whatever it is in law. Whatever the law says, it is. The English Parliament can make something a trade mark that hasn't some of what you put as the characteristic of a trade mark. The English Parliament can say that a trade mark is a mark which may be possessed by a person who has not any goods to sell; and it might be that the English Parliament would say, "We apprehend that any person may register a design for use by any other person upon goods; and that design should be a trade mark." That would be the law. Now, the States could do exactly the same before federation. Where is that power in Australia now, according to your argument?

Mr. Mitchell: I should say that except to the extent to which the legislation of the Commonwealth Parliament would make the exercise of such power inconsistent, it would still lie in the States.

Mr. Justice Isaacs: So that the States can now legislate and make something a trade mark, actually in law, which was not a trade mark at the time of the Federal Constitution?

Mr. Mitchell: Subject to the legislation not being inconsistent with the legislation of the Commonwealth.

The Chief Justice: If they make it a trade mark, they will deliberately call it a trade mark?

Mr. Mitchell: There is not the slightest difference between a trade mark as existing in the law courts in common law in England and between merchants and traders.

Mr. Justice Isaacs: If all the States passed laws to-morrow declaring that any design, registered by any person, for use on goods, should henceforth be a trade mark, and should not be used without the consent of the person registering it, would that not be treated by every State Court as a trade mark?

Mr. Mitchell: If the States passed the statute they would have to.

Mr. Justice Isaacs: They would be trade marks in the States. Now, do you say the Federal Parliament can or cannot say: "Here are trade marks according to law. They were not such as known in 1900, but in 1908 they are trade marks?"

Mr. Mitchell: No; not under the Constitution as it stands.

Mr. Glynn submitted that there could be no registration of a label or mark as the Act was drafted.

Mr. Justice Isaacs: You say the registration is bad?

Mr. Glynn: Yes; but it is sufficient for my purpose to say that it is too wide.

The Chief Justice: Supose the Federal Parliament said this: "It shall not be lawful to import into Australia goods bearing a union mark that have not been made by union labour;" and then ancillary to that: "It shall be lawful for unions to select a distinctive label indicating that the goods have been handled by union labour only; and that label may be registered."

Mr. Glynn: I submit that it cannot be done.

Mr. Justice Isaacs: What do you say is the main object of this part VII.

Mr. Glynn: On the face of it it is really to give a certain amount of protection to labour.

Mr. Justice Isaacs: Is it not this: 'That no person shall label goods with a workers' trade mark, or make them here and put that mark on, if not made by union labour"? Is not that the substance of the enactment?

Mr. Glynn: I submit that it is not. The object of the Act is to get a particular thing registered as a trade mark which, according to the 1900 interpretation, is not a trade mark.

Argument was not concluded.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

DISPUTE ABOUT A THEATRICAL PAPER.

Philip v O'Halloran.

Mr. James and Mr. Breckenridge, instructed by Messrs. Rand and Drew, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Blacket, instructed by Mr. E. R. Abigail, for the defendant. This was an action brought by George Blackmore Philip, printer, and publisher, carrying on business at No. 298 George-street, Sydney, under the name of George B. Philip and Son, against Myrtle O'Halloran, of 92 Elizabeth-street, carrying on business under the style of "The Stageland Publishing Company," to recover the sum of £66 15s for work and labour and materials supplied in the printing for the defendant of a weekly paper called "Stageland." Plaintiff's case was that he entered into an agreement with defendant by which he undertook to print for her 6000 copies weekly of the paper mentioned (consisting of eight pages and a cover), subject to certain penalties for delay. The contract was for six months, and plaintiff was to be paid £22 5s for the printing of each issue, three of which he said defendant was now liable for.

The defendant pleaded by way of cross action that subsequent to the making of the agreement she was entitled to make certain deductions for default in regard to delivery, and plaintiff promised in consideration of the defendant abandoning such claim that he would bring out the paper on December 24 not later than noon on that day, and forfeit the sum of £5 for every hour's delay thereafter. Plaintiff, however, did not bring out the paper within the time agreed upon, but 58 hours later, whereby he incured a penalty of £290, and she therefore offered to set off from this sum any amount found to be due to the plaintiff, and claimed a verdict in her favour for the balance.

As some difficulty arose in regard to the production of a letter, it was arranged that the case should be postponed till Tuesday next, and then to be heard de novo by Mr. Justice Cohen.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Sly and a jury of four.)

ADJOURNED FOR SETTLEMENT.

Deeley v Deeley and others.

This case was adjourned, as a settlement was pending.

DETENTION OF A PLOUGH.

Martin and Co. v Meurant.

Mr. James, instructed by Messrs. Pigott and Stinson, appeared for the plaintiffs. The defendant did not appear. This was an action brought by plaintiffs, trading as James Martin and Co., to recover the value of a plough detained by the defendant. The case for the plaintiffs was that in June 1903, they sent to defendant as agent a Curlew three-furrow plough, valued at £16 12s 6d. Defendant did not sell the plough, and though plaintiffs had made a demand upon him he had not returned it.

Verdict for the plaintiffs, with damages £16 12s 6d.

INJURED IN A TRAIN ACCIDENT.

A DENTIST CLAIMS £2000.

Smith v Chief Commissioner for Railways.

Mr. Shand, K.C., and Mr. Monahan, instructed by Mr. Harold T. Morgan, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. G. Martin, instructed by Mr. J. S. Cargill (solicitor for the Railway Commissioners), for the defendant. This was an action brought by John Beithy Smith, by profession a dentist, against the Chief Commissioner for Railways to recover compensation for personal injuries sustained by him in consequence of the negligence of the defendant or his servants in the management and control of a railway train. It appeared, from the statement of the plaintiff's case by his counsel, that for 15 years prior to June last he had been in the habit of visiting various country towns every month for the purpose of carrying on his profession and this formed his principal business connection, though his headquarters were in Sydney. About 4 o'clock on the morning of June 18, 1907, he was doing one of his usual professional country trips, and had arrived by train at Werris Creek, on the Great Northern line. Upon the train restarting it ran upon a downward gradient for about 50 yards, and then, owing to one of the railway servants having carelessly omitted to close certain points, the engine and a couple of second-class carriages left the line, and moved in the direction of the locomotive shed. The sleeping-car, however, remained on the line, the result being that the two carriages referred to were thrown over the embankment. Plaintiff was in one of the overturned cars, and was badly injured, although no bones were broken. He left for Sydney at 9 o'clock that evening, and at that time he did not realise that he was seriously hurt, beyond abrasions of the head and face, but upon subsequent examination by his medical attendant in Sydney it was found that his right arm was bruised, and black from the elbow to the shoulder, the right side was black up to the armpit, and there was a bad injury to his right leg, owing, apparently, to its having been twisted when the cars capsised. Plaintiff was confined to his residence for about two months, and afterwards had to move about on crutches for four months. He was unable to attend to his dentistry work, in the country, which he paid his sons to carry on, and had since been compelled to rely upon the assistance of his daughter while on his country rounds. He claimed damages representing three years' income, and also compensation for the

MARRIAGES.

HENDERSON—TIPAN.—At H.B.M. Consulate, and afterwards at St. John's Church, Hankow, China, on the 20th inst., by the Rev. A. M. Sherman, Robert E. Henderson, Hongkong, to Emily Gertrude, eldest daughter of Captain F. M. Tipan, Hankow.

TWEED—MACDONALD.—February 27, at the Presbyterian Church, Emperor's Gate, London, S.W., by the Rev. George Hannah, D.D., assisted by the Rev. John B. Mayberry, D.D., George Herbert, youngest son of George Francis Twee, of The ...oat House, Kersley, near Coventry, to Ruth Constance, daughter of Ebenezer Macdonald, of No. 28 Palace-court, W., and Kandahoni, Darling Point.

DEATHS.

FROST.—April 2, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. W. Doyle, 9 Harrow-street, Woollcomooloo, Mary Ann, the beloved wife of Thomas Frost, aged 50 years. R.I.P.

FRIEDERICHS.—April 1, 1908, at his residence, A derstrasse 8, Elberfeld, Germany, Emil Friederichs, aged 61 years.

KEARNEY.—April 2, 1908, at his late residence, Bowman-street, Rankin, Ernest U. Kearney, second eldest son of Mrs. L. Kearney, late of Bexley, aged 28 years and 7 months. At rest.

MALEARD.—April 1, at her son's residence, 160 Liverpool-street, Elizabeth, widow of the late John Maleard, of Kent, England, in her 71st year.

PAGE.—April 2, Annie, dearly loved wife of Ernest E. Page. R.I.P.

ROUGHLEY.—April 2, 1908, at his late residence, Macquarie-street, Parramatta, James Roughley, sen., in his 79th year.

RUDD.—April 2, 1908, at Crescent-street, Manly, Edith Elizabeth Rudd, wife of Henry Rudd, of 32 Ormond-street, Paddington.

SAUNDERS (nee Cowan).—March 30, at Tingha, Ivy Maude, loved wife of Gus. Saunders, and dearly loved youngest daughter of John and Catherine Cowan, aged 23 years.

SPOONER.—April 2, at her residence, 8 Ferry-road, Glebe Point, Jane, the beloved wife of William Spooner, in her 68th year. R.I.P.

WALSH.—April 2, 1908, at her mother's residence, 84 Regent-street, Redfern, Ann (Stasie) Walsh, dearly beloved wife of Edward J. Walsh, aged 34 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

CAHILL.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, William Patrick (Cassie) Cahill, formerly of Orange, who departed this life April 3rd, 1903, at his parents' residence, 662 Harris-street, city. Sadly missed. Inserted by his loving parents, sisters, and brother. R.I.P.

DALY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Theresa Mary (nee Tessie Bishop), who departed this life April 3rd, 1908. Inserted by her loving son, John Joseph Daly.

DONNELLY.—In loving remembrance of my dear daughter and our dear sister, Annie Maria Donnelly (nee McHale), who departed this life, at her parents' residence, 32 Prospect-street, Paddington, on the 3rd of April, 1896. Interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Waverley, No. of grave 1271.

As the ivy clings to the oak
So does our memory cling to thee.

Inserted by her loving mother, brothers, and sister.

DUNN.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Ann Dunn, who departed this life on 3rd April, 1907. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Turnbull Paterson.

FAGAN.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, and brother, Henry Arnold, who departed this life on April 3rd, 1900, at his parents' residence, 74 Croydon-road, Ashfield, aged 18 years. Dearly loved, sadly missed.

The rolling stream of time rolls on,
But still the vacant chair
Recalls the love, the voice, the smile
Of him who once sat there.

Inserted by his affectionate father and mother, brothers, and only sister.

FAGAN.—In sad and loving memory of our dear brother, Henry Arnold, who departed this life on April 3rd, 1900, at his parents' residence, 74 Croydon-road, Ashfield, aged 18 years.

We think we see his loving smile,
Although eight years have passed;
And in our memory fresh he lives,
And will until the last.

Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Ada F. and Thomas McNamara.

GRANT.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, John Cornwell Grant, who departed this life April 3rd, 1908, aged 75. Inserted by his loving wife and daughters, M. L. and K. Grant and Mrs. M. M'Kenzie.

IMBER.—In loving memory of my dear husband, John Imber, who passed away April 3, 1901, aged 59 years. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Inserted by his loving wife, B. Imber.

IMBER.—In loving remembrance of my dear father, John Imber, who departed this life April 3, 1901, aged 59 years. Deeply regretted. Inserted by his loving daughter, Ethel K. Imber.

KNIGHT.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of my dear husband and father, William Henry Knight, who departed this life April 3, 1907. Sadly missed. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

SEMMENS.—In loving memory of my dear wife and our mother, Annie Lanjohn Semmens, who died April 3, 1907, aged 58. Inserted by her loving husband and family, M. and R. Semmens, and A. Williams and G. Hardy.

STALDER.—In loving memory of our dear father, Daniel John Stalder, who died April 3rd, 1907. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, D. J. and A. Stalder. Rest in peace.

TRICKLEBANK.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Annie Jane Tricklebank, who departed this life April 3, 1906. Sadly missed. Inserted by her sorrowing daughters and son.

WATLING.—In fond and loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, who departed this life at Rosmoore, Bringelly, April 3rd, 1907, aged 71 years. Inserted by her daughter and son-in-law, Emily and George M'Gregor, also grandchildren, Mary, Alfred, Beulah, Jessie, Robert, Percy, Ethel, and Ewen M'Gregor.

WINKWORTH.—In sad but loving remembrance of my dearly beloved son, and my dear brother, Dick, who died suddenly at the Balmain Cottage Hospital, April 3rd, 1907, aged 35 years.

He left his home in health and strength,
No thought of death was near,
He had no time to say good-bye
To those he loved so dear.

Inserted by his loving mother and only sister, Annie Winkworth and Annie Carmichael.

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The Pastoral Column contains further reference to the Federal Wool Contest, suggested by the "Sydney Mail." It is being heartily taken up, and should prove very attractive when carried out. Several other articles, the work of specialists, appear.
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THE TURF.
In the Turf Columns the position of the horse-owners in relation to that of the racecourse proprietor is discussed. "Milroy" contributes impressions of recent visits to Wilton Park, Currandooley, and among the Oakleigh thoroughbreds. The form at Rosehill and prospects of candidates for A.J.C. honours are fully analysed, while country racing and current events are dealt with.

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FREEDOM OF CONTRACT.

There seems every reason to believe that the prospects of a settlement of the strike on the coastal companies' wharfs are still brightening. It is true that difficulties remain. Something seems to be required to bring both sides into line, and enough sore feeling exists to drive them apart with fresh velocity should the wrong step be taken. But enough has been said and done to show that the parties to the present conflict wish to secure peace. There is really no outstanding obstacle to peace except a certain inability to define what is meant by freedom of contract. We gather so much from the attitude of the principals, and from the way in which the preliminaries to a conference are being dragged out. The position is something like a stale-mate in chess; yet in the practical conditions of industrial life a stale-mate may easily lead to a kicking over of the chessboard, and a life and death struggle between the players. This is precisely the main difficulty now; and still it only needs that the coastal companies and the unions shall be willing to accept the game as drawn, while admitting that each must concede the other something to create a workable compromise. As it is not chess, but the fight for bread and butter and reasonable profits, an agreement must satisfy both sides, while saving the face of each. Since this is the case, and freedom of contract is the rock upon which a conference may again break, a statement should help to clear the air. In the first place the coastal companies, with the Employers' Federation behind them, do not declare any desire to smash unionism. They say that they must be allowed the right to employ non-unionists, and that the unions must not dictate to them in the matter. Yet, if the same rate of pay is to be given, and the unions contain the best men of the various industries, it would be madness on the masters' part to employ free labour simply because it is free labour. They are concerned to do business in the speediest and most profitable way, and if unionists were forthcoming and reasonable they would probably employ them in preference to non-unionists. At once a finger will be placed upon the word "reasonable," and the objection may be taken that the word is at the very core of the present strike. But assuming that the unionists are willing to go to work—and that they can best do all the work—the employers would have no possible ground for declining to employ them. That is to say, against unionists as unionists there should be no quarrel, and freedom of contract may still remain unassailed. It is only the extreme to which unionism is being driven by its advocates which creates the immediate difficulty. The dictum that freedom of contract is equivalent to an assault upon unionism is at the bottom of the present mischief, and the tendency has been for both sides to rush to extremes. All we want to point out is that unionists cannot refuse to discuss a compromise if they are not challenged as unionists; while the employers must be willing to consider proposals from the other side if their right to choose the best men for their work wherever they be found is conceded. As a matter of fact we believe that a compromise has been very nearly reached, and if someone could be found to explain knotty points and promote confidence as a mediator, trusted by both sides, the trouble would vanish at once.

Why cannot somebody like Sir Frederick Holder, Speaker of the House of Representatives, be asked to mediate? If the Prime Minister himself were likely to be acceptable we should say unhesitatingly: Let Mr. Deakin be requested to hold the balance between masters and men. He would do New South Wales a service, and confidence might be quickly restored. But Mr. Deakin is too closely associated with the Labour party to command just the right measure of confidence; while Sir Frederick Holder has for so long acted impartially in Parliament that he should come well within the difficult circle of our needs. Whether he could be spared at once is another matter; but we should imagine that to prevent a strike which would involve all Australia the House of Representatives would soon find a way of granting him the necessary leave. Mr. Wade's name may occur to many of our readers in this connection. The objection to the Premier of this State is that he is now concerned in piloting through the State Parliament a measure which needs the most careful watching. He is under a great strain, and it would hardly be fair to ask him to leave one important task for another. In any case, the mediator should be as little in the maelstrom of politics as possible. While Sir Frederick Holder may be considered as in the very centre of the maelstrom, it is where motion as affecting judgment may be held to cease. But we only mention his name to indicate the nature of the need. If some detached but prominent public man could be found—such a one as, say, Sir William M'Millan—among local men, in whom both sides had confidence, to sit in conference with, say, half a dozen delegates chosen by each, and so help to clear away misconception while holding an even balance, the difficulties of a settlement would, we believe, speedily vanish. The fact of unionism must be recognised, and the principle of freedom of contract must be accepted. It is not a case of irreconcilable opposites, since a compromise is practically in sight. All that is wanted is confidence. The men are doubtful of the masters' views on unionism, and are inclined to read many awkward meanings into the demand for full power to employ non-unionists. The masters also seem to fancy that unionists are inclined to challenge them all along the line. Yet both realise that war extended into the various States would be a calamity. It would, in fact, be a crime, and the public now is concerned to hear the final word spoken which shall prevent it being committed. The right man would be worth a whole Parliament at the present moment, and perhaps he may be forthcoming if the parties concerned will put their heads together.

THE MACEDONIAN PROBLEM.

Austria's uncompromising rejection of Sir Edward Grey's proposals for infusing vitality into Macedonian reforms was led up to by a rather complicated set of considerations, perhaps the paramount one being her impression that the proposals had the support of Russia. On the surface there is nothing to object to in Sir Edward Grey's scheme, except that it would make the "concert of the Powers" a reality instead of a pretence. Everyone ostensibly desirous of reform could see the need for vigorous action to check the depredations of the marauding bands which exist to terrorise the country, and the only way to do that is to make the policing effective. The suggestion to give a free hand to a Turkish Governor of capacity and character was also innocent enough. The scheme indeed was bolder and more striking than anything we have lately had put forward for the quietening of this stormy quarter, for it included also extended judicial reform. A strong administration, sharp repression of lawlessness, and a solid backing up by the Powers—all this promised something like safety. There is indeed little hope that Macedonian reform will ever be a progressive quantity, but the dismal failure so far is all too plainly the result of the conflict of motives among the Powers. It is doubtful whether Macedonia and its inhabitants are worth much expenditure of sentiment, but it is not at all doubtful that, to quote an apt phrase, it is a magazine of explosives which may any day shake the peace of Europe unless it is kept under lock and key.

Unfortunately a new element has been introduced into a situation already past unravelling. This is the Macedonian railway scheme of Austria. Railways are great reformers, and in the abstract the proposal should have been welcomed by the Powers. Towards all these projects Sir Edward Grey was ready to observe a benevolent neutrality, and this assurance given to Russia and Italy should have been interpreted in a friendly sense by Austria—to Italy, because Signor Tittoni had been wisely recommending the European Powers to unitedly support all railway projects in Macedonia so far as they had practical utility, and indeed to regard them as essential constituents of reform. But this was to treat diplomacy as though it had an awakening conscience. For the real danger to the concert arises precisely from the passions the rival schemes may engender. These passions threaten at once the possibility of genuine concerted action, and that means that a Turkish war may be evoked by any passing spark. It was this fear that led Sir Edward Grey to utter his warning, and to revive the proposals put forward by Lord Lansdowne in 1903. But why should an Austrian scheme for making a railway through the Novi-Bazar province threaten the peace of Europe? It has not, it is true, an obvious connection with Austrian foreign policy, and for a quarter of a century Austria has had the right to make roads and maintain garrisons in the province. But Novi-Bazar is a wedge between Montenegro and Servia, and Austrian control there would cut off Servia from the sea. But at the back of Servia is Russia and the whole Slav sentiment, and this means that disturbance on volcanic scale can be set up at a touch. We have yet to see if that will be avoided, but it is plain that immediately Austria and Russia begin to play at cross-purposes Macedonian reform will vanish into anarchy. A good deal has been done in the last six or seven years, and all that would be swept away. Russia and Austria are the immediate and conjoint voicing of the will of Europe, which the Sultan has to hear and obey. But he will be quick to seize on his perception of divided duty as an excuse for doing nothing. Moreover, the mere fact that the Sultan promptly granted Austria the railway rights she asked for looks rather suspiciously like the deliberate throwing of the apple of discord among the Powers. Germany, so rumour has it, at once put in her little say "to prove her solidarity with Austria." The opening up of the question will turn largely on the strength Russia finds ready to her hand. She is not likely to find too much. For her part Austria seems intent on the design, even though to accomplish it Macedonian reform must lapse again into chaos. Sir Edward Grey's proposals were straightforward and well meant, but they are qualities insufficient to compound into a foreign policy—and Great Britain is not likely to back her recommendations in the only way the nearer East can understand.

PAPUAN ADMINISTRATION.

Mr Deakin deserves great credit for the vigorous action he has taken to maintain the prestige of the Commonwealth in Papua. Before all things it is needful that our good name should be kept pure and without reproach in our dealings with native races who look towards us for justice, and for whose wellbeing we have accepted responsibility. It is beyond question that Government officials engaged in administration should not be found mixed up in land transactions, even if these in themselves could be shown to be free from any questionable element. The fact that Mr. Deakin feels justified in now making a clean sweep is itself a sufficiently startling commentary on the need that had arisen for action; but we may well believe that nothing less drastic would have met the case. But this courageous proceeding, it is to be hoped, will be the beginning and not the end of Mr. Deakin's enlightened activity. The real crux lies in the choice of a permanent administrator, possessed of character and determination. It is not very likely that anything will come of the present suggestion to obtain the services of Sir William MacGregor, and it is worth while pointing out that a settlement of the matter is urgent.

It is quite certain, as Mr. Little remarked the other day, that the unrest in Papua will continue until this appointment is settled, and it has to be said that the selection of Judge Murray is strongly urged by the whole of the white settlers. There is a good deal of truth also in the claim that in the hands of a strong administrator the territory would soon be self-supporting, instead of a charge of about £20,000 per annum on the Commonwealth. But the main call is for a man who will be able to hold the balance of justice even between the natives and the earth-hungry white settlers. It seems pretty clear that this is a problem which is not going to be settled offhand, and it is further one the rights of which can hardly be said to lie upon the surface. The crux may indeed be avoided for the time, since, as Bishop Stone-Wigg pointed out, there is plenty of Crown land accessible and suitable, without the doubtful expedient of enforcing "sale" of native lands. If this is so, there need be no check to white settlement, and with a strong and pure administration the native boundaries should within reasonable time be delimited once for all. No one would be foolish enough to stand in the way of the effective opening up of the territory for the sake of mere sentiment, and given an administration as to whose integrity and capacity there could be no doubt it is very likely that a solution to the native land question might be arrived at satisfactory to all parties. But whether that is so or not it is our plain duty to keep constant and effective watch that justice is not outraged.

THE STATE'S FINANCES.

The just-issued Treasury figures covering the first nine months of the financial year are such as to make any Treasurer experience very comfortable feelings. On the revenue side they show a net increase over the corresponding period of last year of £945,000, the income of the State having reached the astonishing total of 10½ millions sterling. This is easily the greatest revenue ever enjoyed by New South Wales, while it is roughly a third more than that of Victoria, which has to chronicle an exceptional year. For the bulk of that increase the State is indebted to the Commonwealth. In a purely financial sense the Commonwealth has been very good to all the States this year, having returned to them during the nine months roundly 1½ million more than last year. New South Wales, however, has had the lion's share, her proportion of the increase being £785,000. As against this, however, there has been a decrease in the revenue from purely State sources—from direct taxation, land sales, and rents, and so forth—of £214,000; but this is largely the result of deliberate remissions of certain stamp duties and school fees, and the transference of the bulk of the land tax to local bodies. The falling off under this heading is therefore rather a matter for congratulation, as it means that money to the amount of the decrease has been left in the people's pockets. The third source of income is the business undertakings, and in all the circumstances it is most agreeably surprising that the Treasury should be a gainer under this head of no less than £370,000. The largest business undertakings are, of course, the metropolitan water service, Sydney Harbour Trust, and the railways, and the three of them have made larger returns to the consolidated revenue. In the case of the two former it is not so remarkable, but that, in spite of the reduced wheat and wool carryings, and the gradual coming into operation of reduced freights and fares, the railways should do so is very gratifying. There has been an increase in the railway receipts for the nine months of £277,000, and there seems to have been no falling off in the March quarter, when the effects of an indifferent season would have been most felt.

On the expenditure side of the ledger it is gratifying to find that, in spite of the increased revenue, the cost of general administration has been kept down. There has been, however, fairly free spending in other directions. From the consolidated revenue, for instance, grants have been made to the closer settlement and public works fund of 1½ million. Of course, that money has not all gone—in fact, nothing has been spent from the closer settlement fund, which has now a credit of £400,000. Closer settlement operations will benefit further out of the proceeds of the £3,000,000 loan floated in London a few days back. Presumably the bulk of this money will be applied to the resumption of the Peel River Estate. The expenditure out of loans has been heavy, no less than £1,000,000 having been spent during the three quarters, which is an increase of £600,000 on last year's figures. The present circumstances of the State, no doubt, call for large expenditure, but it is as well for the Treasurer to keep clearly before his mind the certainty that he will not have such a buoyant revenue in the future. He cannot expect the increases from the Commonwealth to be maintained. There is no doubt that this year's Commonwealth exports show a material reduction, which in time will prejudicially affect imports, and consequently Customs receipts. How far these anticipations will be modified through the introduction of borrowed capital, partly taking the form of goods, remains to be seen. Certainly the present indications are that loan operations will be on a more liberal scale in the immediate future.

INSUFFICIENT STOCK TRAINS.

Again there is an outcry in stock-raising and stock-selling circles at the utter inadequacy of the Railway Department to cope with the business of carrying live stock expeditiously on the railways. There is an insufficiency of sheep vans and cattle waggons to carry stock from the drought-stricken districts to relief country on the one hand, and to supply trucks to consignors for the Homebush market on the other. The conditions are somewhat unusual, but not so to a marked extent. Rain has fallen copiously of late in the north, but there is drought prevailing in the south. In fact, many owners despair of saving their stock if means for removal are not forthcoming more speedily than are promised. Some owners in Riverina have no hope of training their stock before the middle or end of May next. It is no relief to them to be told by the Railway Commissioners that the case is being met as far as possible by the allocation of 45 per cent. of the available stock trucks and 400 "D" trucks. Nor is the case made more satisfactory by pointing out, in an answer to a question in the Legislative Assembly, that more timely arrangements should have been made by owners for the removal of their stock. That is but one aspect of the case; the other is the insufficiency of trucks for carrying stock to market. Light supplies of sheep and cattle were marketed at Homebush yesterday, and values materially advanced. No cattle waggons are available beyond what were previously ordered before the market of April 27 next. This means dear beef for consumers, as well as the shutting out of owners from the market for several sale days. Even buyers at the yards have been unable to train stock away for several days after making their purchases. So bad is the outlook, in short, that the Sydney Meat Preserving Works are likely to be closed down till either rain falls and relieves the starving stock traffic or the Railway Commissioners devise some means for relieving the present congestion. What stock agents so bitterly complain of is the failure of the Commissioners to make provision for such exigencies as exist at the present time. They have frequently pointed out the necessity for greater trucking facilities, and the former Board of Railway Commissioners even led the agents to expect that due provision would be made for a great increase of trade—especially the export lamb trade. Yet very little seems to have been done. "D" trucks have been brought into requisition of late for the carrying of live stock. Even so, that makeshift is not equal to the occasion, and certainly is no business-like solution of a very serious situation.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

In Parliament.—The Parliamentary wheels moved slowly last night. When the House met in the afternoon consideration in committee of the definition clause of the Industrial Disputes Bill was resumed. Three and a half hours were spent in discussing an amendment defining "parties to a dispute," which was then rejected. The best part of an hour was occupied in defining "employee." There was no objection to the introduction of a sub-clause declaring that "industrial matters" included all or any matters relating to "any claim of members of a trades union to be employed in preference to persons who are not such members," but the Opposition resisted the Premier's proposal that industrial matters should also include "any claim of employers or employees that persons not members of trades unions shall be employed in preference to such members, or that members of one trade union be employed in preference to members of another." The proposal was accepted on division by 40 to 28. This represented the progress made up to 1 o'clock this morning.

Out in the Open.—Ministerial and Opposition parties in the Legislative Assembly fairly joined issue last night on the question of the right of industrial workers who hold aloof from unions to be heard before the boards and Court under the Industrial Disputes Bill. The discussion hinged on a paragraph in the definition clause defining "dispute." The paragraph provided for the recognition as parties to a dispute of employers on one side and of unions of employees, or "not less than 10 employees," on the other. Mr. Griffith submitted an amendment to restrict the recognition of "not less than 10 employees" to those industries where no industrial or trade union existed. There was no ambiguity about Mr. Griffith's meaning. His object was to declare that in industries where there were trades unions those unions alone were to have recognition from board or Court. The Premier was quick to declare that the Government absolutely declined to consent to anything that would deprive of his just rights under the law any man who elected to stand outside a union. Why, he asked, should the law force a man into a union, or in the alternative deny him the right to earn a living, or the right to redress of grievances? Mr. Dacey elegantly observed that "blacklegs never have a grievance." Brushing the interjection contemptuously aside, the Premier declared that, stripped of its top-dressing the Opposition objective was to put unions in a position to say to all industrial workers, "You shall not have the right to redress of grievances unless you first of all become a member of the union." That was an impossible position. Much that was said in support of the amendment was wildly extravagant, but the underlying idea was that it was not equitable that men while holding aloof from unionism should share in the benefits hard won by unionism and range themselves as guerilla fighters on the side of the employers when ever the unions sought betterment of industrial conditions. The debate, which lasted three and a half hours, opened with heat. It closed with cheerful laughter, due to the declaration by the mover of the amendment that "a non-unionist could no more become a unionist than an Ethiopian could change his spots." The amendment was rejected by 44 to 31.

A Volunteer Immigration Agent.—Among the numerous voluntary offers of help made to the Immigration League of Australasia by people proceeding to Europe is the following, contained in a letter written on board the Orontes from Mr. Harrison Smith, R.N., late private secretary to Sir Harry Rawson:—"It was always my intention to include amongst my valedictory letters one to you offering to do what I can when in England to proclaim the attractions of Australia, or, at all events, of that State of which I can speak with personal knowledge, in which I have spent so thoroughly happy a three years. I have brought with me pamphlets from the Intelligence Department, but should your league publish any special papers which would be useful to such persons as I am likely to move amongst, I shall always be glad to receive copies and use them to the best advantage—perhaps, something in the shape of a lecture, which could be distributed among the league's friends be who would in their turn read or deliver it among a still wider circle. For example, I could reach a large number of naval and military officers in this manner in the south-west of England, reading such a lecture and giving my own impressions, and answering questions on the groundwork drawn up by the league. I could always get a hall at some naval or military headquarters, in which to convene an audience to listen to such matter. I think that with such unimpeachable information as the league could draw up, the personal influence and advocacy of the lecturer would carry great weight."

Conflagration Breeders.—The structural condition of Sydney buildings in relation to fire was referred to yesterday before the select committee on fire danger in the evidence given by Mr. G. R. Cherry, inspector of the Fire Underwriters' Association. The witness indicated the advantages of flat roofs as fire-resisters, and deprecated the building on them of any superstructure of wood as destroying their utility and safety. He gave further evidence as to fire-resisting windows, lifts, and stairways, and the means to be adopted to ensure safety from fire spreading, and for the escape of inmates. He expressed fear that the safe escape of inmates in many hotels had not been sufficiently considered in their plan and construction, and explained the necessity for safety in floors, and the advantages of enforced concrete; and the dangers of ironwork in pillars and large girders, unless protected by concrete or some similar material, was dwelt upon. Failing enforced concrete, he said, the native hardwood was the best material. Mr. Cherry pointed out the danger to the city of what are termed by American fire experts "conflagration breeders," and gave instances to the committee confidentially. He also gave the result of tests as to the degree of fire resistance of various timbers. Australian hardwoods are the best known, but the least inflammable of these is practically extinct, having been cut out. The witness recommended its replanting under proper forestry supervision, remarking that if seed is not procurable in New South Wales it can be obtained from Germany.

The Age of Trusts.—A combine of barristers is an item taken as a specialty by one of the members of the Federal Parliament. The Attorney-General (Mr. Groom) yesterday had his attention directed to the official report of the Barristers' Association, in which was notification that the council of the Law Institute had waited upon the committee of the council and urged the rescission of the rule with regard to not taking briefs with solicitor in certain States in cases before the Federal Court; and that the committee could not see its way to make the change. Mr. Groom was asked if the law at present existing was sufficient to prevent "the power of the combine to enforce the discrimination." Mr. Groom's reply was short—that as the Minister administering the judiciary he had not sufficient ground on which to take action.

An Evergreen Trouble.—A question which has probably occupied the attention of the committees of management of most hospitals was referred to in the annual report of the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children yesterday. The report stated that it had been found that attempts had from time to time been made by well-to-do people to abuse the opportunities offered by the hospital for the treatment of children. The board had therefore given instructions to its officers in order to prevent this evil as far as possible, that the following rules should be observed in admitting patients:—1. "That no child whose parents belong to a lodge is to be treated at the hospital without a recommendation from their lodge doctor, except in cases of urgency." 2. "That in cases in which the parents do not belong to a lodge, no child is to be treated whose parents are in receipt of income of £200 a year or more, except in cases of urgency, or in cases requiring a lengthened attendance, or cases of serious illness requiring nursing, unless recommended by their medical attendant or approved of on investigation by the house surgeon."

An Expensive Fourpence.—Amongst the recent claims for money for the heads of cormorants received by the Fisheries Department was one for payment of fourpence for one head. This unfortunate bird was shot at Oakhampton, in the Oberon and Duckmaloi district, and the trouble and expense encountered by the shooter in getting his fourpence provide an object-lesson in misguided pertinacity. The record and authority for the issue of the fourpence was received by the department from the local police, and a communication was then sent to the country by the department enclosing a receipt to be signed by the one who received the reward, which was in the form of a money order. The money order cost a penny, which was deducted from the fourpence due, and the postage of the receipt back to the department absorbed another twopence. When to this expenditure is added the cost of the cartridge or cartridges emptied at the cormorant, it will be seen that the shooter did not make enough money profit to purchase a penny stamp. The expense to the department altogether was eightpence, but the trouble over such a trifling request cannot be calculated by its officers. It is safe to remark that if they had many such claims sent in from the country they would be inclined to go out with guns themselves for other kind of game than cormorants.

An Unconscious Humorist.—A man of middle age, who was called to give evidence concerning an alleged robbery, at the Quarter Sessions Court yesterday, soon had all eyes focussed upon him. His gait was somewhat uncertain, and he tacked towards the witness-box with great caution. When he had safely negotiated the steps and obtained a firm grip of the box, the accused proceeded to question him. It soon became apparent that the witness, though not blind, was deaf. With ceremonious politeness he asked the accused to repeat the question. Here a juror disconcerted the witness by suggesting to the Judge that drink, not deafness, was the trouble. Judge Rogers immediately asked the witness how many drinks he had taken. The witness, still gripping the box, replied "Two." Encouraged by this show of confidence, his Honor asked witness how many he could take without showing it. "Twenty—continuously—as quick as you like" was the proud reply. Somewhat taken aback, his Honor suggested that witness should have the liquor laid on. The witness beamed warm approval, and failed to suppress a laugh when the next judicial question was put—"Could he hold them all?" The laugh was cut short by stern reproof and an unkind suggestion by his Honor that the witness, after pouring water on his head instead of beer down his throat, should return sobered at an hour fixed to give his evidence.

The Dustiest Place in Sydney.—"Where the dickens have you been?" said the man in the street, as his friend who had just alighted from a King-street tram proceeded carefully to wipe his clothes with a handkerchief, causing a perfect shower of dust and chaff particles to descend gracefully to the ground. "Where on earth do you think?" rejoined the late passenger with some asperity, as he continued the operation, causing his companion to sneeze violently, and retreat a few steps. "Ever heard of the back of a tram?" The other murmured something to the effect that the aggrieved one appeared to have been playing on the road. "Playing on the road!" snorted the dusty one indignantly. "Go on it yourself, and see. Went down to South Head, and coming back thought I'd enjoy the moonlight on the harbour. Back of the tram's the best place, you know! Don't talk to me! I'd like to take Kneeshaw right out there, chain him to the back of the car, and gloat over his agony as we passed through Rose Bay." He paused as one who ponders deep injury. "Pretty place, if only you could see it," he continued; "but every time the car stops the dust comes in at the back like a cyclone, and fairly smothers you. If they have cow-catchers in front, why the dickens don't they have dust-catchers behind? Bah! this up-to-date service makes me sick!" And even as he spoke, thinking perchance of liquid solace, civilisation's great remedy for dust, the clock tower chimed eleven, the

LICENSING BILL.

REJECTION TO BE MOVED.

CABINET UNDISMAYED BY CLAMOUR.

LONDON, April 2.

Mr. G. Cave (Conservative) has given notice in the House of Commons that he will on Monday move the rejection of the Licensing Bill on the ground that it fails to promote temperance, and violates the principles of equity.

Mr. H. H. Asquith (Chancellor of the Exchequer), addressing the London United Liberal Association, said that the Government accepted the challenge on the Licensing Bill, and was quite prepared to face the clamour. He declared that all the gilt-edged securities had risen since the bill was introduced, showing that the Government's policy was not considered one of rapine and plunder.

THE CHILDREN'S BILL.

SECOND READING CARRIED.

LONDON, April 2.

The House of Commons last night read the second time the bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to children and young persons, reformatory and industrial schools, and juvenile offenders, and otherwise to amend the law with respect to children and young persons.

The Children's Bill seeks to codify the numerous laws relating to children, excluding controversial topics. It is divided into five parts, providing (1) for the protection of infant life (embodying and amending the Act of 1897); (2) reenactment and amendment of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children Act of 1904; (3) measures against juvenile smoking; (4) consolidation of the law relating to reformatories and industrial schools; (5) the establishment of children's courts. Question of licensing, education, and industrial employment are left out of consideration, as involving points of controversy. Under the bill, everyone who is responsible for an annual loss of 1604 infant lives in Great Britain, is constituted an offence, with a light penalty. Parents will be similarly liable in the case of burns or scalds arising from unguarded fires. The sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers to children under 16 is prohibited. Children smoking in the street will be liable to punishment, and the police will be authorised to confiscate the naughty boy's "tobacco." In this connection automatic machines will be dealt with. Any "home for children" supported by charitable contributions will have to submit to Home Office inspection. The interests of vagrant children are to be protected. Perhaps most important of all, juvenile courts of justice are to be established throughout the country, and the police are to provide special places for temporary detention. In this matter the principle is affirmed that the imprisonment of children must be abolished altogether.

POLITICAL SUSPECT'S EXPERIENCE.

OUTRAGE ON BRITISH SUBJECT.

RUSSIAN METHODS.

LONDON, April 1.

Mr. Nicholas Luxenburg, a naturalised British subject, agent of a boot manufacturer of London, was arrested as a political suspect in Odessa, where he was detained for a fortnight in a filthy prison.

He appealed to the British Consul, and was released, but the authorities retained one-third of his money.

Mr. Luxenburg claims indemnity. Questions have been asked in Parliament regarding the incident.

LABOUR IN THE COMMONS.

A LIMITED ALLIANCE.

LONDON, April 2.

Labour groups in the House of Commons have formed an alliance limited to the period of the present Parliament for the purpose of taking united action on labour questions. The groups also undertake that neither group shall interfere with the other regarding sitting members or selected candidates at by-elections.

LAND FOR COMPANIES.

HAMPERING RESTRICTIONS.

LONDON, April 1.

A deputation representing various large colonial insurance companies has interviewed the Board of Trade, urging that companies unable to register under the Companies Act should be allowed to hold land without the inconvenience of getting a license under the Mortmain Act for each transaction.

Mr. H. E. Kearley, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board, speaking on behalf of the President, Mr. Lloyd-George, while sympathetic towards the objects of the deputation, doubted the possibility of legislation to relieve hampering restrictions this session, unless he was satisfied that there would be no opposition.

INFLUENCE OF WOMEN'S VOTES.

MR. PRICE INTERVIEWED.

LONDON, April 1.

Mr. Price, Premier of South Australia, who was interviewed with respect to the influence in Australia of women's votes, said: "They have purified politics. No man of shady reputation can hope for return. Moral and social questions receive serious attention, and education is steadily watched and encouraged, all being due to the silent, sensible, sober influence of women."

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, April 1.

At the wool sales this afternoon there was brisk bidding, with a hardening tendency in crossbreds.

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At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were realised for the clips mentioned:—Cas, 11½d; Loombah, 9½d; Yalobia, 9½d; Waiau, 6½d; Hauiri, 6½d.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

LONDON, April 2.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman slept well on Wednesday night, and his general condition is much more favourable.

MR. SIDNEY NICHOLSON.

Mr. Sidney Nicholson, son of the late Sir Charles Nicholson, formerly of Sydney, has been appointed organist of Canterbury Cathedral out of 100 candidates.

Mr. Sidney Hugo Nicholson is third son of the late Sir Charles Nicholson, formerly Speaker of the Legislative Council of New South Wales, and first Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland. He is 33 years of age.

ENGINEERS SECEDE.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers will not be represented at the Trades Union Congress which will be held at Nottingham in September.

ABSCONDING RAILWAY CLERK.

Gionetta, a railway clerk at Chiasso, Switzerland, has absconded with £7000.

PREFERENTIAL FREIGHTS.

NEW YORK TO AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, April 1.

Mr. H. A. Sanderson, manager of the White Star line, giving evidence before the Royal Commission on Shipping Rings, stated that preferential rates on American goods shipped from New York to Australia, via Liverpool, were due to the fact that different interests were mutually fighting in the direct service from New York to Australia, and were unable to come to an agreement.

A strong point in shippers' favour, Mr. Sanderson said, was the tendency to increase the size of the vessels, and rates were gradually lowered, in order to draw cargo from sailing vessels.

Nearly two years ago the secretary of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (Mr. G. Henry Wright), in the course of a communication to the "Herald" on the subject of "Shipping Freights and Imperial Trade," intensified the existing inequalities, and intimated that he had directed the attention of Mr. Lloyd-George, the President of the British Board of Trade, to the anomalies in the rates for the carriage of New York and Liverpool cargo to Sydney. Mr. Wright then wrote:—"The White Star line, which forms part of an American combine—the International Mercantile Marine Company—but which is nevertheless under British management, recently conveyed merchandise from New York to Sydney with transhipment at Liverpool, at rates varying from 15s to 30s per ton, while by the same steamer British goods shipped at Liverpool were charged at rates varying from 30s to 42s 6d per ton, which gave a material preference to American goods and inflicted an injury on British trade. As a consequence of the lower freights quoted from New York many orders were lost to this country. The preference was more serious when it was mentioned that the rates per ton did not in large numbers of cases relate to consignments of the actual weight of one ton, but to 40 cubic feet, which was reckoned as a ton. Thus a consignment of light goods might only weigh half a ton, and yet, by measurement, be charged as weighing two tons, and then the actual difference in freights would be as between 30s or 40s and 60s or 80s. The effect of that might be to enhance the price of the British article by 2½ per cent., or 3½ per cent., or even more. It will be generally agreed that this is a serious matter, and that a continuance of such a large preference to American freights must be detrimental to the trading interests of the United Kingdom. It should be pointed out that the International Mercantile Marine Company is under agreement with the British Government, and that the latter have the right to terminate the agreement at any time if the company pursues a policy injurious to the interests of British trade; but that in the present instance his Majesty's Government would appear to have a weapon ready to hand."

MR. PRICE IN ENGLAND.

DILATORY BRITISH MERCHANTS.

LONDON, April 2.

Mr. T. Price, Premier of South Australia, Mr. W. D. Ponder, M.L.A., and Mr. A. E. M. Norton, manager of the South Australian Produce Export Department, inspected the docks at Hull yesterday, and saw the steamer Port Pirie loading. They examined Earle's shipbuilding yard, and lunched with the Corn Trade Association.

Mr. Price was entertained at a banquet in the Town Hall by the Chamber of Commerce. In responding to the toast of his health he explained the resources which Australia possessed, and dwelt upon the White Australia Policy, and the comparatively even distribution of wealth in the Commonwealth. He also dealt with closer land settlement, and the steady development of the wheat, meat, and butter trades.

Mr. Price declared that the British merchant was too slow in grasping possibilities of extending trade. He promised to direct Australia's attention to the advantages of Great Britain's outposts, especially Hull.

Mr. Price ridiculed the British shipping companies for declining the honour of being first to tie up to the Adelaide outer harbour because it would possibly cost £20, whereas the Germans jumped at the chance. He declared that Australia wished to deal with their kindred on a preferential scale.

Merchants and working classes receive Mr. Price most cordially.

WOOLPACKS.

AN IMPROVED ARTICLE.

LONDON, April 2.

The committee on vegetable fibre in wool has selected three bags, which will be sent to Australia for testing whether from any of them vegetable fibre will be imparted to the wool. One is a cheap jute sack with a wool lining, another is paper-lined, and the third is a good plain jute.

The committee highly recommends that all bales be sewn with a special all-wool string, prepared for the committee.

Our Bradford correspondent, writing on this subject, says:—The sub-committee in London who have this matter in hand are still working hard at it, and I hear from the secretary that they think they at last see daylight. I was shown the other day a new wool pack made by the well-known firm of William Ritchie and Sons, jute manufacturers of London, which struck me very favourably. All alike who have seen it speak well of it, and if it can be made strong enough to stand the knocking about which every wool bale gets, then it will do admirably. The sample had just been to the Bradford Conditioning House to be analysed and tested, and the results so far were very good. The sample I saw seemed to have been somewhat bleached, and it had been so spun and woven, pressed and finished that all the loose, surplus, fluffy hairs had been entirely removed. Whether the fabric had been singed or not I could not say, but it did not look as if it had. Evidently care had been taken in making the piece, and both on the inside and outside the surface was very smooth indeed. Between now and the next series a few sample bales are to be filled and tested, and we shall know the result. The firm making it say they can get the strength required, and if that is so then I am certain it will be recommended, for it is the best sample yet submitted approaching the "ideal" of the committee. The quotation on the sample sent was 2d per bale, and I do not think it would weigh more than 9lb to 10lb. However, Messrs. Ritchie are hoping to produce a bale at 3s each, but strength is what I feel a little doubtful about. The manufacturer of the "all wool" pack is still busily engaged upon trying to perfect his fabric, but I feel doubtful about his succeeding.

CROWN JEWELS MYSTERY.

A BASELESS FALSEHOOD.

LONDON, April 2.

Mr. A. Birrell, Chief Secretary for Ireland, in the House of Commons last night indignantly denounced "the cowardly and baseless falsehood" associating Lord Haddo, eldest son of the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, with the mystery of the disappearance of the Crown jewels from the office of Ulster King of Arms.

TOUR OF GERMAN MERCHANTS

LONDON, April 1.

Ninety leading merchants and manufacturers of Berlin have started on a tour of the Balkans, Turkey, Greece, and Asia Minor for the purpose of seeking openings for trade.

REFORMS IN MACEDONIA.

HINDERED BY AUSTRIA.

LONDON, April 1.

Austria-Hungary has declined to accept the proposals of Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to appoint a Governor-General of Macedonia for a term of years, and to increase the gendarmerie of Macedonia in order to secure reform in the administration of the province.

When it was learned that Austria-Hungary had procured an irade from the Sultan permitting the construction of the Novi-Bazar railway, the opinion was expressed in diplomatic circles that in return for this concession Austria-Hungary had promised the Sultan not to press too hard for reforms in Macedonia, and this opinion is borne out by her opposition to Sir Edward Grey's scheme. All the circumstances point, it is considered, to satisfaction being given to Italy, Greece, and Servia, in consideration of their not opposing the construction of the line; Germany would support her ally, who would thus have to encounter in this railway proposal the opposition only of Russia and Bulgaria.

VOLUNTEERS DISBANDED.

JOINING TERRITORIAL ARMY.

LONDON, April 1.

All the yeomanry and volunteer regiments have been disbanded, and the members are mostly enlisting in the territorial army.

The event was celebrated with dinners, concerts, mock funerals, and in most cases with the ceremonial of blowing the "Last Post."

NEW YORK FINANCIERS.

FEARFFUL OF ANARCHISTS.

LONDON, April 2.

All the leading exchanges in New York have closed their visitors' galleries. It is believed that threats made by anarchists rendered it advisable that strangers should be excluded from the galleries.

Since February 18, writes the correspondent of the "Daily Mail," the visitors' gallery of the New York Stock Exchange has been closed, as the result of letters received by many prominent financiers threatening them with vengeance in masses. An anarchist group is said to have planned to hurl a bomb on the floor of the Exchange.

"Working men, help yourselves," is the title of a circular placarded in the city, urging the wholesale slaughter of financiers. The unemployed are advised to march on Wall-street, whose "rabble" is denounced in furious terms, the misery of the proletariat being declared to be due to the "criminal gambling of the financiers."

"If we must perish," ends the document, "let us take along with us some of those responsible for our sufferings." The officials of the Stock Exchange deny vehemently that the incendiary circular of the anarchists was the cause of the closing of the visitors' gallery, which, they assert, is in need of repairs. Despite these denials, Wall-street was patrolled all day to-day by a strong force of detectives, under orders to arrest suspicious persons.

The manifesto has created an extraordinary sensation in Wall-street.

CHARGES OF CORRUPTION.

FEDERAL PARLIAMENT'S INQUIRY.

STRONG ACTION URGED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The House of Representatives to-day dashed off on a course of vigorous Government prodding. Indignant at a statement in a weekly journal that some votes had been bought while the oil duties were under consideration, and an assertion that money had been subscribed for lobbying purposes, they vociferated demands for action.

Mr. Kelly, Mr. Wilks, Mr. Jos. Cook, Mr. Willis, and others showed themselves particularly anxious that the honour of the Legislature should be vindicated, and the House cheered their remarks.

Mr. O'Malley started off with a fierce demand to know whether the select committee appointed yesterday would investigate the specific charges made that certain members had received £2000 from the Standard Oil Company for voting for free oil, and as to the correctness of the statement made by Mr. Beale that certain firms had subscribed money to enable lobbyists to influence the tariff debate.

Mr. Deakin was sympathetic. But he was careful to point out that the committee that had been accepted by the House would recommend a simpler and more expeditious method of dealing with offenders of that character. There would be no objection to its considering both of these cases.

The members on the opposite side of the House—always the Opposition, Ministerialists as usual sat and looked on—rose en masse.

"Will the Prime Minister directly ask the paper and the gentlemen referred to for more definite information about the charges?" cried Mr. Kelly.

Mr. Deakin answered Mr. Kelly calmly. "In regard to the newspaper paragraph, that was brought under my notice by the Manufacturers' Association in Sydney. I asked them to get me information, but I have not yet received a reply. If it is desired, I have no objection to asking Mr. Beale."

"Are we to understand that the Prime Minister does not deem it his duty to take action on behalf of the House?" asked Mr. Joseph Cook indignantly.

"I have already stated that it is the duty of the Government," answered Mr. Deakin; "but our powers at present are insufficient."

A Royal Commission was suggested by Mr. Willis in the event of the committee reporting some procedure for the future only.

Mr. Deakin to this replied that he thought the committee could be depended upon for the present and future alike.

Mr. Joseph Cook asked if the Prime Minister intended to take any action in regard to the actual matters alleged.

This brought Mr. Deakin to his feet with a bound. "Do you mean to suggest an inquiry as to whether they are true or not?" he exclaimed. "I don't believe for a moment that they are." He accepted the suggestion, however, that the committee should be asked to directly investigate the two allegations.

Mr. Wilks gave as his personal opinion that if the promulgators of the charge refused to come before the committee there was no power to make them. Mr. Deakin, however, thought there was, but promised to draft a motion to alter the terms of the committee's delegation.

Shortly before the House adjourned to-night it was resolved to add to the motion that the scope of the committee's work should include the investigation of the two charges which have been mentioned.

SHOWING UNNECESSARY SQUEAMISHNESS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Senate took nearly an hour and a half to make up its mind to appoint a committee to act with the committee of the House of Representatives.

Senator Best, Vice-President of the Executive Council, in moving the motion, announced that the committee would consist of Senators Neild, Henderson, Turley, and Chataway. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday next. The committee would advise means of dealing with the acknowledged evil and hardship that members had to suffer at the hands of unscrupulous persons and newspapers.

Senator Vardon: Don't they sometimes suffer from us. (Laughter).

Senator Best: I think they have the best of the deal under the present circumstances.

Senator Millen said that nobody wanted to curb genuine press criticism; but members must smart at some of the things which were said and written.

A number of Senators suggested that the committee should deal with the charges recently made, but Senator Best said that the object of the motion was to draw up a procedure, so that they could deal with similar cases in future.

Senator M'Coll thought they were showing unnecessary squeamishness over the matter.

The motion was carried by 21 votes to 5.

Senator Findley asked whether he would be in order in moving as an addition to the motion that the committee have power to call the editor of a Sydney journal and Mr. O. C. Beale, of Sydney.

The President said that the amendment would not be in order. The motion was of a very general character, and no specific charge had been made.

WITH SHACKLETON.

FOR THE SOUTH POLE.

BRITISH EXPEDITION, 1907.

NOTES BY PROFESSOR DAVID.

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XII.

Anxiety.

On February 16, the wind having moderated, the Nimrod steamed in again near to the shore, and all the cases of bottled fruits for the expedition, and one boatload of coal were landed in the whaleboat. A cold wind was blowing, the thermometer registering over 20deg. of frost.

In the afternoon the prevalent south-east wind sprang up. This wind is derived from the high-level anti-trade wind, which has travelled overhead from the equator to the South Pole, blowing from north-west to south-east in a direction opposite to that of the south-east trade wind. At the South Pole it descends, and the part of this great air current which actually reaches the earth's surface at the Pole has its easterly movement checked by the high north to south mountains near the South Pole, and then begins to slide northwards back to the equator, gradually undergoing a deflection to the west, as does the south-east trade wind of the Southern Hemisphere. Well, this south-east wind, rising and sending a swell into our bay, compelled us to again put to sea.

The outlook now was such as to begin to cause some anxiety. The perpetual daylight in which we had been living for three weeks had just come to an end, and the sun was beginning to set now for a gradually lengthening period every night, and the Nimrod, which was to have left not later than the 15th for Lyttelton, would now have some hours of darkness every night when further north among the ice pack of the Antarctic Circle. Her coal supply, too, was daily being reduced, through our having to steam, at the rate of from two to three tons. (She burns five tons a day when under full steam.) We only had 106 tons available for the ship to return with, after leaving 20 tons for the party on land. As she had no ballast, nor stiffening, but her engines, a few small tanks, and a small amount of ship's stores, the captain considered that it would be necessary to leave 50 tons of the 106 tons of coal untouched as ballast, so that that left only 56 tons available for steaming, that is, only about 11 days' supply, whereas it would take the Nimrod probably four to five weeks to reach Lyttelton, even under favourable conditions of wind and weather, and the Nimrod has been built to steam rather than to sail. Under these circumstances, it was resolved that the next time the wind moderated, so as to admit of the coal being landed, all hands would work at getting the coal ashore until they dropped in their tracks from sheer weariness.

Boating Coal Ashore.

On February 17 the wind moderated, and the Nimrod steamed back to Cape Royds, but there was still a heavy ground swell, and we could not begin boating the coal ashore until early in the afternoon, and even then it was difficult work, and quite exciting at times, on account of the closing in of the ice floes and the heaving surface of the sea.

Our boat's crew for some little time consisted of Cotton, Armytage, Dr. Michell, Mawson, and myself, with our First-officer Davis steering, so that we had ample opportunity of seeing the fun. First about 20 strong canvas bags, with eyes or loops of rope at the top corners, would be let down into the boat (about 24 bags go to the ton). The Nimrod would then tow us within about three-quarters of a mile of the shore; then our painter would be let go, and we would pull for about half a mile across a nearly ice-free sea; then we would reach the belt of dense floe ice. This consisted of floating masses, from a few yards up to 50 yards or more in diameter, and from six to seven feet in thickness, and they projected a good deal below water in long spars. The heaving of the sea scrunched the floe ice together every now and then, so that Davis had to choose, and choose quickly, from moment to moment down which opening to force our boat. It was now a case not of "pull together, boys," but of "scratch together," as the little lanes, or, rather, paths, of water were so narrow, that they were barely wide enough for the boat itself; indeed, we frequently had to force the floes apart in order to make room for the boat, so that the blades of the oars had nothing on which to catch but the soft snow or an occasional lump of ice frozen down on to the top of the ice floe; but after much meandering and skilful steering, but not without a few slight scrunches, Davis piloted us at last safely to the landing place on the ice foot, and was greeted with a brave little cheer by the shore party. We worked, all hands, all through that night, to and fro amongst floes, until about 6 a.m. the following morning, February 18; then exhausted Nature could do no more.

The Sleep of Exhaustion.

Davis fell asleep in the middle of a talk with me on the wardroom table. Cotton was coming up the nearly vertical iron ladder leading from the engine-room to the main deck, and suddenly dropped off asleep, and nearly fell off before his dangerous position was noticed, and he was awakened. Mawson also suddenly fell asleep in the engine-room storeroom, with a hot steam pipe on one side of him and with one leg resting on the crosshead of the pump piston, which was at work at the time. He said when he awoke, hours later, that he wondered why his leg kept going up and down, but was much too tired to investigate the cause of its rhythmical pulsations. As for the crew, Byron's description of the host of Sennacherib, after the Angel of Death had breathed in the face of the Assyrian foe, as he passed, about fitted them. They had all fallen asleep, dead to the world, in all sorts of grotesque attitudes, below the forecastle head.

Work Resumed.

It was not until after noon that the grim and grimy ferrymen resumed their task. All personal luggage and scientific instruments were conveyed in one large boat-load ashore. Shackleton's remark, after the last parcel was discharged, was characteristic. No mention was made of the safe landing of our £60 platinum thermometer, nor of our £50 stereographlex camera, etc., but he simply remarked, joyously, "Professor! We've got the Browning ashore." Towards evening, while we were still plying to and fro, this time with cargoes of coal, from the ship to the land, and back empty, a heavy snowstorm suddenly came up from the north-west, and completely blotted out the ship from our view. It was a picturesque scene that trip. The massive promontory of black volcanic rock was silhouetted against the dense white background of falling snow, to the west, as we held on our course north-westwards. The little group of our fellow-workers at the top of the 10ft ice cliff awaiting with ropes and hooks the arrival of the boat with the coal-bags; the beautiful grooves and caves carved by the sea at the base of the ice-cliff, and hung with lovely ice stalactites, and showing like miniature Jenolan Caves; our whaleboat gliding among the ice-floes, with Davis standing at the steering oar, with his thick sailor's cap well down over his ears. White with snow from head to heels, he needed but wings to his cap to turn him into Eric the Red, the old Norse Viking who discovered America. Dr. Michell, who was rowing in our boat, was quoting in a Mark Tapley vein from Fitz Gerald's "Omar Khayyam":

> A book of verses underneath the bough,
> A flask of wine, a loaf of bread, and thou
> Beside me singing in the wilderness.
> Ah! wilderness were paradise now.

The Flesh-pots of Egypt.

Just afterwards there was a sudden bang at the bulwarks, and a great flippety-flop, and the "thou" presented herself in the form of a handsome and very sleek Adelie penguin, who had suddenly shot out of the water on to the gunwale of our boat, mistaking it for an ice floe, and was now staring from side to side at the strange creatures amongst whom she had so unexpectedly been cast. Her beautiful white breast had the sheen of the finest satin, and her large dark eyes, with the white feather rings around them, regarded each of us in turn with confidence and complacency, and with an expression which seemed to say, "This is exactly the kind of ice floe, and these are just the sort of seals that I expected to find here." It may be explained that it is de rigueur among penguins never to express surprise at anything unusual, unless it is something superlatively terrible, and then, of course, you must swallow your dignity and "do a bunk" for all you are worth; under the latter circumstances the penguin toboggans on its breast. While our penguin was regarding us with that confiding innocence which is born of inexperience, it suddenly occurred to some of us that our lynx-eyed purveyors of luxuries ashore might wish to annex her for penguin soup purposes, so we furtively hoisted her over the gunwale, and Michell's "thou" disappeared with a soft plop into the foam from which she had sprung. I must here confess to a great weakness and inconsistency. While always anxious to preserve the penguin's life, I am not unwilling, when that life has been taken, to taste roast penguin, and penguin soup a la pemmican, both of which are delicious delicacies. Alas for human frailty. It is for those of you who, after long toil in keen frosty air, have been tempted in presence of roast duck or roast goose, but have never fallen, to cast the first stone.

(To be Continued To-morrow, Saturday.)

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE.

LIBERAL TREATMENT PROMISED.

THE STATE'S DELICACY.

In the Legislative Assembly last evening, the Premier, in reply to Colonel Ryrie, said that he thought he would be justified in saying, in general terms, that, in the event of Canberra being selected as the Federal capital site by the Commonwealth Parliament, the State Government would deal liberally with the Commonwealth in the matter of the land required. He did not feel justified in saying more than that at present.

Although his Government was anxious to lose no opportunity to procure a settlement of the capital site question, there was a certain delicacy about obtruding their views on the Commonwealth Parliament, in that they might create side issues and consequent delay. They were anxious to do all they could, and although they could not be expected to agree to any wild, reckless scheme of land appropriation, there was no reason to fear that the State Government would display a factious spirit, and insist on the minimum area set down in the Constitution also being the maximum. They would deal fairly and liberally with the Federal Government, according to the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Beeby: Can you inform this House where Canberra is? (Laughter.)

The Premier: I thought that education in this State was of such a high standard that everyone knew where Canberra was.

Colonel Ryrie: In view of the fact that the geographical education of some members has been so sadly neglected, will the Premier organise a motor car trip in order to allow them an opportunity to see this magnificent site of Canberra?

The Premier: I think the best course would be to let the Minister for Education see what he can do for him in the meantime. (Laughter.)

COAL-MINING CRISIS.

MEETING OF MINERS' COMMITTEE.

DECIDE FOR A BALLOT.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The committee of management of the Colliery Employees' Federation held a meeting at the Trades Hall to-day, when the question of their disciplinary proposals passed a few weeks ago and since dealt with by the lodges came under discussion.

The president, Mr. Peter Bowling, presided, and the greater part of the day was given to the consideration of the course of action now to be taken by the committee in view of the fact that the lodges of the district were almost equally divided on the question of instituting rules and imposing penalties on members who might cease work and cause a colliery to be thrown idle, instead of acting constitutionally by referring their grievances first to the lodge, and then to the federation.

Members of the committee agreed that the federation could not under the circumstances offer the Court the guarantee required. With almost half the lodges in opposition to the committee's attitude a guarantee would have been worth but little to the Court. Ultimately the committee decided to recommend that a ballot of members be taken to ascertain whether the miners individually are prepared to support the committee in making regulations to prevent stoppages with a view to retaining the Coal Court. They were justified in adopting this course, for the attendance at the lodge meetings called to deal with their proposals were not representative, in many cases only one-tenth of the members being present. Considering the momentous issues at stake—the retention or loss of the Court—the committee regarded the apathy of the members with surprise, and they held that the holding of a ballot was necessary to test the true feelings of the miners.

The committee took advantage of the notice of motion from Lambton lodge, which was received and read at the meeting to-day. It read: "That in view of the indifference as shown by the poor attendance of members at various lodge meetings when dealing with the committee of management's proposals for maintaining discipline in the Federation, we demand a ballot for or against the resolutions as a whole." This notice of motion was unanimously adopted by the committee.

A similar notice of motion came from Stanford Methyr lodge, which it was not necessary to put before the meeting.

The general secretary (Mr. W. Brennan), referring to the matter at the conclusion of the meeting, said that the committee were unanimous in advocating the proposals put forward by them, as they were regarded as essential to the proper organisation of the federation. Discipline must be enforced if the federation was to maintain its position as one of the strongest labour organisations in the State. The regulations were framed with the object of getting the Court back to work, but whether there was to be a Court or not discipline must be enforced.

The taking of the ballot will necessarily mean more delay, and in any case it is almost impossible for the Court to resume work until after Easter. The resolution adopted to-day will first have to be placed before the lodges to be adopted or rejected. If endorsed, ballot papers will be issued, and about two weeks will elapse before the returns come in. It is generally expected that the result of the ballot, if one is taken, will give a large majority in favour of the committee. The delay in obtaining a definite verdict on the question is very unsatisfactory, and the Teralba miners are extremely dissatisfied with the action of the lodges, for when the Court was broken up the award covering their rates and conditions was well within sight. Better rates and improved conditions were expected to result from the award, which, however, met an untimely end owing to the arbitrary action of members in another district.

A motion was carried "That this committee condemns the action of the West Wallsend and Seaham lodges in refusing to take a ballot on the in-camera question when ordered to do so by the district."

"A grievance was submitted in regard to grievances at South Greta colliery. Mr. M'Williams reported that he had gone to South Greta and interviewed the manager, who had met the claims of the men very fairly. An agreement was drawn up, which was dealt with by the meeting. Some slight amendments were suggested, and the agreement will probably be signed now by both parties.

OUR CANADIAN TRADE.

IMPROVED STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, were yesterday in receipt of a cable communication announcing the death of Mr. Alley, connected with the Alley line of steamers trading between Sydney, New Zealand, Victoria, and Vancouver.

Arrangements have now been definitely concluded to carry on the steam service inaugurated by Mr. Alley, and Messrs. Charles Barrie and Co., of Dundee, Scotland, owners of the Den line, together with the owners of the Indra line, of Liverpool, will run jointly a bi-monthly service, with terminal points at Sydney and Vancouver, calling at Wellington and Auckland, in New Zealand, and at Honolulu, Victoria, and Vancouver.

This joint line is receiving support from the New Zealand and Canadian Governments, and Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, have the appointment as managing agents in Australasia.

It is probable that four large steam vessels will be employed.

NEWCASTLE CREEPS.

ROYAL COMMISSION'S REPORT.

CAUSES OF THE DISTURBANCES.

HIGHER FACTOR OF SAFETY REQUIRED.

The report of the Royal Commission (Messrs. D. A. W. Robertson, John Sulman, and A. H. James) appointed to inquire into the causes of the recent subsidences at Newcastle, and to suggest means for preventing a recurrence of the movements in the future, was made available by the Premier last night.

The report deals exhaustively with all the aspects of the question, and its relation to the coal-mining operations in the vicinity of the city, and the commission finds generally that trouble was due to the fact that the pillars in certain workings were not sufficiently strong to stand the pressure of the superincumbent structure.

The commissioners detail the resulting surface drainage, and review the early history of coal-mining in the Newcastle district. The evidence concerning the creeps and the damage done to buildings is dealt with; and under the head of remedial measures, a number of suggestions are made as to the construction of buildings and the necessity for Government action to prevent further undermining of the population area.

RECKLESS MINING METHODS.

The commission states that the earth movements and underground operations bring only three seams under suspicion: The Dirty, the Yard, and the Borehole? The evidence shows that reckless and improvident methods of mining in the old workings had met with the condemnation of thoughtful men even in those days, and the commissioners express regret that in comparatively recent times mining practice in some instances left much to be desired. They can only assume that in the manner of those times, and, unfortunately, later dates, the pillars were small and the factor of safety low, even if it existed at all.

"Reviewing the whole circumstances connected with the first creep, and in fact the second also," the report proceeds, "it is impossible in our opinion for reasonable men to escape the conclusion that there was a distinct relation between the trouble underground and the damage to the surface later on, and we further agree that the relation is that of cause and effect. . With respect to the third creep, the workings were sealed up and partially under water prior to the date of surface damage, and therefore, while reasoning from what had previously occurred we may conjecture that the same influences were at work, we have positively no knowledge of the underground condition of the Borehole seam to warrant us giving any definite opinion as to the cause."

THE A. A. COMPANY ABSOLVED.

Referring to the A. A. Company's Borehole seam, and the policy of the company in leaving in 60 per cent. in pillars, the commissioners say:—"The company, in our opinion, are absolved from any charge of reckless mining without regard to the interests of property-owners entitled to support. On the contrary, we believe it was the intention of their operations to give effective support, and that they actually did, until the creeps occurred, have entire confidence in the stability of the pillars. With the knowledge that your commissioners now possess, it is impossible to exculpate the witnesses for the company that the pillars did in point of fact have the necessary stability; but while we unhesitatingly affirm the propriety—necessity, indeed—of a much higher standard or factor of safety in future under similar conditions, we do not suggest that the confidence of the management was altogether unjustifiable, nor do we consider that the error of judgment was any reflection on the capable mining administration which it is the fortune of the company to have in their employ."

THE FINDINGS.

The commissioners sum up their findings as follow:—

"1. The movement first started in Wilson's heading in the Borehole Seam, due to the fact that the pillars were not sufficiently strong to withstand the pressure of the superincumbent strata.

"2. This movement swinging across Oliver's Fault, finding the same conditions as to pillars, caused the first creep.

"3. The second and possibly the third creep were merely extensions of the same general movement.

"4. This movement would not in itself have been sufficient to cause the damage, but was intensified on the surface by the excavations in the Yard Seam workings.

"5. Accessory damage was brought about by faulty construction in certain buildings."

REMEDIAL MEASURES.

The only remedial measure that can be suggested to prevent a recurrence of the creeps is an efficient method of packing the excavations in the seams worked. The cost of such packing, even if practicable, would however be infinitely greater than the expenditure necessary to make good the damage to the buildings which has occurred or is ever likely to occur in the future. The movements have not yet ceased, nor can the commissioners hold out the hope that absolute immunity from damage will be secured in the future; but maintaining, as they do, the opinion that with minor exceptions the damages sustained have not been of the extensive and alarming nature popularly supposed, and believing that further movements will not materially alter the situation, they consider that (were it possible) any costly system of underpinning would be quite unjustifiable, having regard to the advantages to be gained.

Had it been deemed expedient, nevertheless, to underpin the affected areas, at any cost, the scheme is quite impracticable. The old workings are practically inaccessible, and (with the exception of some of the roads) the Borehole Seam workings are sealed off owing to spontaneous combustion, and a large area waterlogged. However, while the present precautions as to stoppings and sealing are maintained, no fear need be entertained on account of spontaneous combustion, more especially as the water is increasing, and in course of time must effectually quench the incipient combustion. Should this increase and it be found impossible to confine its effects to the sealed areas, there would then appear to be no other course but to adopt the drastic remedy of effectually sealing the shaft. The commissioners do not, however, apprehend that it will be found necessary to resort to this extreme measure. The steps taken by the management to cope with the trouble hitherto have been all that were necessary, and warrant the commissioners in believing that the same care will be exercised in the future.

SAND PACKING.

Reference is made to a system of sand packing, which has been extensively applied in Germany and America. As this system could not practically be applied in the present case it does not come within the scope of the commissioners' powers, it is unnecessary to enter into any evidence in connection with coal workings in other parts of the State, the commissioners draw the attention of the Government to the matter, with a view to the system being fully investigated.

PREVENTION OF FURTHER DAMAGE.

Although the extraction of pillars at a distant part of the colliery has had no possible connection whatever with the damage visible on the surface, yet it would be fraught with serious danger to permit pillar recovery in close proximity to existing buildings. To put the matter more definitely, the commissioners deem it inadvisable that the pillar extraction should anywhere come within a radius of at least 200 yards from any buildings on the surface.

LOWER SEAMS.

Evidence was given by Mr. Harle that the result of the calyx bore put down to ascertain the position of any lower seam than the Borehole was not satisfactory, and, further, that if coal were found to be there the company would endeavour to work the same. The commissioners think that should such boring meet with satisfactory results, and the working of a lower seam be contemplated, having regard to the exceptionally high and, in their opinion, unstable pillars in the Borehole Seam, and the additional complications of the workings above, even if already collapsed, the operations, however carefully conducted, could hardly fail to be attended by the greatest danger to the security of the city; that is, if intended operations were to embrace the area upon which the city now stands. In their opinion, therefore, nothing short of an absolute reservation of the minerals under this particular area, and a safe margin to provide against the effects of draw, will secure immunity for such movements in the future.

The commissioners make a number of suggestions respecting the precautions that should be taken in the erection of new buildings in relation to the foundations and the tying of walls.

ADELAIDE SHOOTING CASE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In connection with the wounding of the swagman Neilson through a revolver shot fired by Constable Mullins in self-defence last night, it transpires that the bullet of the revolver penetrated the top part of Neilson's liver, and opened up the pleura. It is a decidedly serious wound, and one which it is possible may prove fatal.

TRADE WITH THE EAST.

THE FINANCIAL ASPECT.

INTERVIEW WITH COLONEL BURNS.

With reference to the Java-Singapore service and the question of subsidy from New South Wales, which has been before the Government and people of this State for the past 12 or 15 months, Colonel Burns said yesterday he was surprised to notice by the morning papers that one firm had tendered in answer to the Government advertisement a year ago asking £6000 for work which was at present being carried out for nothing, while another firm, at present subsidised by Victoria, had asked £10,000.

"There seems to have been so much gross misconception about this matter that I hasten to rectify any wrong impression which may gain currency. My company are now running a regular monthly service, and have been doing so for four or five years past, and we tendered to extend such service by building larger new steamers at a cost of about £100,000, one vessel to commence running within twelve months, and a second vessel to be ready within two years. And in the event of securing this contract, which was to include New South Wales and three ports in Queensland, we promised to endeavour to extend the distribution of frozen meat and other Australian produce, by arranging for cold storage at Rangoon, Penang, and elsewhere, and to place a small insulated steamer to connect at Singapore with the larger insulated steamers of the monthly line from Sydney. This smaller steamer would allow of the introduction of Australian produce into new Eastern markets, and much developmental work and expense would have become necessary to add this further trade to what the New South Wales merchants and ourselves had already opened up.

"My company was certainly aiming at the future benefit of this State and Queensland, and as we tendered at £6000, I take it that it is our company which has been referred to. If so, it is hardly a fair criticism, and in justice to ourselves the Government should be asked to show the two tenders received. The subsidy asked embraced a regular service for two States, and in verbal convers

gineers, and the engineers will only return upon certain fixed conditions as to reinstatement and so forth.

LABOUR COUNCIL PLEDGED.

MORAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Mr. Hughes, seen at the Trades Hall last night, said:—"I have addressed the Trades and Labour Council on the question of moral and financial support. There was a full attendance, and I explained the position. A resolution was unanimously adopted, with considerable enthusiasm, pledging the council to use every effort to secure financial support to enable the Waterside Workers Unions to carry on the strike."

MOVEMENTS OF VESSELS.

THE NORTH COAST COMPANY.

SLOW PROGRESS OF THE BRUNDAH.

The steamer Brundah, which was despatched from Sydney on Wednesday afternoon with passengers and cargo for the Richmond River, is crawling up the coast at an average speed of only 5½ knots, whereas under ordinary conditions she is capable of maintaining a speed of 11 knots. She left the company's wharf at 4.30 on Wednesday afternoon, and passed through the Heads at 10 minutes to 6. Port Stephens, 83 miles distant, was not passed until 7.30 a.m. yesterday, and she signalled Seal Rocks, 109 miles from Sydney, at 12.30 p.m.

ROSEDALE SAILING TO-DAY.

Everything is now in readiness for the despatch of the Rosedale this forenoon for the Manning River, which has been completely neglected since the commencement of the strike. Officers, engineers, firemen, and sailors have been secured, and it is hoped that communication with the Manning will be maintained.

NOOREBAR TO LEAVE TO-MORROW.

There was a scene of great activity yesterday on board the Noorebar, which is now berthed at the Sussex-street wharf of the company. She has been again placed in commission, and is under orders to sail tomorrow for the Clarence River.

ORARA DUE THIS MORNING.

The steamer Orara, which left Byron Bay on her return journey at 10 o'clock on Wednesday night, called in at Coff's Harbour yesterday morning. She will reach Sydney this morning, and is timed to leave again tomorrow.

YULGILBAR RETURNING TO-DAY.

The Yulgilbar, which left the Clarence at 9.30 on Wednesday night, from Richmond River, for Sydney, signalled Tacking Point at 1.20 p.m. yesterday, and Crowdy Head at 3.40 p.m. She is due at Sydney to-day, and the North Coast Company propose to despatch her again to-morrow for Richmond River.

OTHER NORTH COAST BOATS.

The Rocklilly, which was recommissioned a few days ago, safely reached the Nambucca River at 8 a.m. yesterday from Sydney, and thence will proceed to the Bellinger River. She is not expected to return to Sydney for a week or 10 days.

The Euroka, which has not been in Sydney since hostilities were declared, has her original crew on board, but the men will probably strike as soon as the vessel returns. The Euroka left the Nambucca at 7.30 a.m. yesterday for Sydney direct, and passed Smoky Cape at 10.45 a.m.

The Nerong, which belongs to the North Coast Company, but is under charter to a Brisbane firm, arrived at the Richmond River at 5.10 a.m. yesterday from Queensland.

The Kallatina, now discharging and loading at the Clarence River, is expected to return to Sydney on Tuesday.

THE ILLAWARRA COMPANY.

BEGA AT LAST DESPATCHED.

The steamer Bega, which it was originally intended to despatch at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, succeeded in getting away at 10 a.m. yesterday. The disappointed passengers were told that the delay was due to "coal supplies having been forgotten," but those associated with the shipping industry expressed the opinion that no company would be likely to overlook bunkering operations until the hour of sailing. Captain Bishop has gone in command.

PETERBOROUGH STILL HELD UP.

The little steamer Peterborough, which was announced to sail on Tuesday evening last, is still tied up. The chief engineer left on "important business" just before the sailing hour, and has not yet returned. An expedition set out yesterday in search of another engineer, but in view of the fact that the Peterborough was still without steam last night the search was probably fruitless.

Mr. T. H. Jackson, the manager of the Illawarra and South Coast Company, who "every day or two and declared that "everything is going on as satisfactorily as before the strike," positively refused yesterday to supply the movements of his fleet. This information, required not only by the clients of the company, but the public in general, was, however, easily secured from other sources.

THE COOMONDERRY DELAYED.

The little steamer Coomonderry has also been detained. It had been intended to despatch her last night on a special trip to Newry, Berry, and other Shoalhaven ports, but at midnight the vessel was still at the wharf.

Inquiries as to the cause of the detention elicited the information that just as the vessel was about to cast off her lines it was discovered that the donkey-pump was out of action. Repairs were at once put in hand, and early this morning it was stated that she would shortly sail.

THE MORUYA STILL HERE.

Portion of the crew of the Moruya, it is understood, has been transferred to the Bega, and the vessel was yesterday lying idle at the company's wharf. The Moruya returned to Sydney on Wednesday from Moruya and Narooma, but her future movements have not been fixed.

THE NEWCASTLE COMPANY.

SERVICE MAINTAINED.

The passenger steamer Newcastle returned from Newcastle full of passengers and cargo at 5.30 yesterday morning, and was again despatched from Sydney last night.

The Archer is due here to-day, and will sail at the usual hour to-night, with cargo and a limited number of passengers.

The Hawk will return from Port Stephens to-day, and will leave again to-morrow afternoon.

The cargo steamer Waraneen continues to run between Sydney and Newcastle.

THE UNAFFECTED COMPANIES.

Since the commencement of the strike upwards of 10,000 bags of maize have been conveyed from the Macleay River to Sydney by the steamers of N. Cain's Coastal Co-operative S.S. Company. The farmers are greatly delighted at the measure of success they have achieved in getting their produce to market, and some conception of the importance of these shipments may be formed from the fact that from this source alone a sum of £10,000 has been received by Macleay agriculturists.

The Wauchope left Sydney yesterday with a full cargo and passengers for Port Macquarie, and is due back on Sunday, leaving again on Monday.

The Hastings, which left on Wednesday night for the Macleay River, will return to Sydney with another cargo of maize on Monday morning.

The Kempsey left the Macleay River yesterday with 800 boxes of butter and a full cargo of maize. She has a full list of passengers, and will arrive here at about four o'clock this morning. She will leave again at 1 p.m. on Saturday for the Macleay.

In Langley Bros.' line the Corra Lynn is running to the Manning, and the Coolcon and Duroby to other northern ports.

The Newcastle-owned steamer Kincumber has been placed in the Sydney-Manning River service by Messrs. G. and C. Dick, and left here on Wednesday night.

"ENGINEERS" OR "DRIVERS."

QUESTION OF STATUS.

Some remarks by Mr. W. Peck, secretary of the Marine Engineers' Institute, as published on Wednesday, relative to the status of engineers and drivers, have called forth a reply from the members of the Masters and Engineers' Association of New South Wales. Mr. Peck's remarks conveyed the impression that third-class engineers have no right to the appellation engineer, but should be called drivers. "The Newcastle and Hunter River Company has one engineer—that is, one man who has a certificate. We don't count a man as an engineer unless he has a certificate. This man was a member of our institute, but some years ago he ceased to be one. The company has two other men, but they have only drivers' certificates," were some of Mr. Peck's assertions.

"Now, as a matter of fact," said Mr. Charles J. Raynham, secretary of the Masters and Engineers' Association of New South Wales, yesterday, "our members are engineers, not merely 'drivers.' The marine laws of New South Wales, Queensland, and South Australia provide for three ... of engineer, and their certificates entitle them to go outside. In Victoria the Navigation Department, or what corresponds to our Navigation Department, issues engine-drivers' certificates, and this permits the holders only to drive within the bay, and not to go outside the Heads. We have third-class certificates for engineers, and this entitles the holder to go anywhere on the coast—in the home trade or the intermediate trade, or, as far as that goes, in the deep-sea trade, as third-class engineers. We have taken action in support of the Institute of Engineers by withdrawing our men from the boats of the three companies, and paying them for coming out. Those who are in the boats at the present time are not members of our association, and we know nothing about them. We only admit engineers into our society who hold at least third-class certificates, and a master must hold a master's certificate.

"If a challenge is thrown out to us we can show on the certificates held by our members they are competent to take any positions in any of the three coastal companies' boats, or handle their cargo, and we take umbrage at the insinuation thrown out by Mr. Peck that our engineers are 'only drivers.' As a matter of fact, by the law of New South Wales a third-class engineer can take charge of any engine up to 50-horse-power nominal, and most of the boats which are running on the coast are not above that nominal horse-power. A great many third-class engineers have been offered positions in the three companies, and have refused to accept them on principle. We have no jurisdiction over those men who are now running on those boats. On such boats as the Wauchope, Hastings, Our Jack, Bellinger, Ellerslie, and several others, our men have had and still have charge, and Allen Taylor and Co., Langley Brothers, and other firms and owners who have employed them can speak of their capacity. One thing is pretty certain, that if they did not give satisfaction they would not be retained, and it is also certain that engineers holding higher class certificates than our members hold would be prepared to take positions on those boats if they could obtain the wages they ask. We have our men in the harbour ferryboats, running, I presume, to the satisfaction of companies, otherwise they would not be retained there, and here again members of the Institute of Marine Engineers would like to take positions were it not for the wages. We obtain what we consider a fair wage for our work, but higher-class engineers do not accept this scale, therefore we keep them. Our men have made sacrifices in the present crisis on what we consider matters of principle, and it is not pleasing to be told that we are "only drivers," when we hold certificates of competency as third-class engineers. So far as that is concerned, we can do the work of men with higher certificates, and are at liberty to go to sea on deep-sea boats as third-class engineers. Here is one of our certificates, issued by the Department of Navigation."

Mr. Raynham produced a certificate held by one of the members. It was headed, in large capitals, "New South Wales," and then proceeded: "Certificate of competency as third-class engineer. To ——. Whereas it has been reported to me that you have been found duly qualified to fulfil the duties of third-class engineer in the merchant service, I do hereby, in pursuance of the Navigation Act, 1901, grant you this certificate of competency." Then follows the attestation, "Given under my hand at Sydney this ... day of," and so on. The particular certificate was signed by Captain Edie, and was countersigned by Mr. Lockhart, secretary.

A QUESTION OF STATUS.

Mr. Peck, secretary of the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers, stated yesterday, in reference to a difference which was supposed to have arisen between his society and the Masters and Engineers' Association of New South Wales, that there was a slight misunderstanding. He never intended to convey the impression that a man without a second chief's or second's certificate could not be an engineer. "My association," he said, "has no desire at all to belittle in any way members of the Masters and Engineers' Association."

INEXPERIENCED SEAMEN.

QUESTIONS IN THE ASSEMBLY.

In the Legislative Assembly last night the Treasurer, in reply to questions from members of the Labour party, said that the head of the Department of Navigation had given instructions to the inspectors to report any case where a ship was about to put to sea in circumstances which through any cause constituted a danger to human life; and if a report should be received that any ship with such a number of inexperienced seamen as to constitute a danger, then the drastic step of preventing her sailing would be taken. But he pointed out that there might be a case where, although there were inexperienced seamen on board, there was a big proportion of experienced men. In such a case it was left to the head of the department to exercise his own common sense. He assured the House that the matter was by no means being overlooked.

THE CASE FOR THE OFFICERS.

A WOMAN'S VIEW.

The wife of a well-known master mariner, writing to one of the coastal companies yesterday, made the following allusion to the strike:—"There are two items in this morning's 'Herald' which no doubt you noted, Mr. Lawrence, secretary of the Merchant Service Guild, says that the officers are striking simply to better conditions for themselves, and 'not to further the cause of the —— wharf-labourers.' Will he say why those men from only the three companies in dispute came out, and not those from Cains', Corrigan's, Langley's, or Allen Taylor's, which work on the same lines and under the same conditions?"

UNION FUNDS.

WEALTHY ORGANISATIONS.

As showing the strength of at least two of the unions engaged in the present struggle, an officer of the Merchant Service Guild remarked yesterday that the Australasian Institute of Marine Engineers had a sum of £20,000 at its command, whilst the Seamen's Union had about £14,000 or £15,000. The engineers in Sydney could expend about £14,000 without having a vote taken of the whole of the members, whilst they also had the power to make a levy of £5000. The other two unions concerned, the Merchant Service Guild and the Wharf-labourers' Union, are, however, considerably poorer, though they have extensive powers of levying, which would carry them forward for a lengthy period.

A CHARGE OF CRIMPING.

FIVE MEN ARRESTED.

Acting on information supplied by Captain Hine, of the Blue Anchor liner Commonwealth, the Water Police about 10.45 last night arrested a man on a charge of inducing four seamen to desert the ship. When taken to the Water Police Court the man gave his name as Ludwig Rantzow, aged 45. The seamen were taken to Clarence-street station, where they gave their names as Charles Johnson, August Bakhen, Lester Holm, and Hans Sundstrom. All will appear at the Water Police Court this morning.

GRAFTON CIRCUIT COURT.

THE STATE CHIEF JUSTICE.

TRAVELLING VIA BRISBANE.

It is recognised that the present strike has extended beyond the area originally contemplated, and entered upon unlooked-for ramifications, but it was hardly expected to affect persons apparently altogether outside its scope. It has, however, and no less a personage than the State Chief Justice will probably be put to some inconvenience in the performance of his official duties, owing to the existing state of things. He mentioned yesterday that at the end of the week he would proceed on his journey to Grafton to dispose of the Circuit business in that district. As, however, the North Coast steamers were somewhat uncertain in their time table, he was obliged to get to his destination via Brisbane, leaving by the Orient Company's steamer Omrah on Saturday next. For this reason, Sir Frederick Darley was unable to continue next week the hearing of an action which was commenced before him yesterday.

THE PUBLIC AND THE MASTERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The State of New South Wales has rejoiced during the last few years in a boom in its trades and industries which is unprecedented. Workers and employers alike have participated, work has been plentiful, and well remunerated; farmers, dairymen, pastoralists, and mine owners have all had a share of the good time. Yet there never was a time in the history of the colony when there was so much unrest amongst the working classes, or so much discord between employer and employees; and this I unhesitatingly ascribe to the operation of the Industrial Arbitration Act.

But although the country has been deluded into placing that mischievous piece of legislation upon the Statute-book, it does not follow that employers should be harassed by unfair comments in such of the public newspapers as have any pretensions to impartiality or by the utterances of public men who happen to be in authority. Recent instances of such things seem to require that someone should call attention to them and should plead for fair play and common sense.

The Wharf-labourers' Union is at present contending for a "principle," which is no less than that free labour being criminal, all work shall be exclusively in the hands of unionists. This is an issue which is likely to involve some disputing, but its solution will not be facilitated by articles in the press insisting that the rights and interests of the public should be made paramount considerations. Such a view can only mean that, in the interests of the public, employers must be constrained from adopting what they think is their prudent course and coerced into some surrender of their position in the dispute and, perchance, of their means of livelihood.

Towards the end of last year trouble between the Newcastle miners and mine owners led to a stoppage of work without the customary notice, and caused a great deal of anxiety to users of coal. There again the metropolitan morning papers took up the interests of the public. It was nothing to their writers that hard-working men were jeopardising the comfort of their families and the future of their industry, or that those people who had invested their means in developing the mines should see their properties lying idle; all they cared for was that the public should not be inconvenienced. And when the Premier of the State announced from his place in Parliament that Government would compel the disputants to arbitrate their differences he knew well, and everyone who heard him or read the report of his speech also knew, that the only meaning of his words was that, in the assumed interests of the public, Government would bring pressure to bear on the mine owners, they being subject to penalties, while no feasible method exists of compelling large bodies of men to work on terms they do not approve.

Such writing and speaking are not only unfair, but are also likely to produce results which may illustrate the old saying "that the cure is worse than the disease." We may all deplore these disputes and national calamities, but it is no cure for them to attempt to make the employer yield more than the trade warrants, and there is no reason for our authorities telling capitalists in so many words that they are not wanted in New South Wales, and that if they choose to come here they will be at the mercy of labour. It is not so long since the town of Pittsburg in Pennsylvania was in the throes of the Carnegie riots that the lesson should be forgotten. Here as well as there employers may be driven to take measures for their own protection which would be a regrettable aggravation of the trouble. And as to the public, they are willing enough to share the benefits of uninterrupted industry, and should be content to put up with the disadvantages of occasional inconvenience, which is much better course than to cause an industry to be hampered by conditions it is ill calculated to bear, or to force all workmen to become unionists.

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JESSE GREGSON.

Bell, March 31.

[Our correspondent is apparently of opinion that any attempt to make dispassionate inquiry into the conditions under which an industry is working is bound to be a failure. The strike becomes, therefore, the only weapon for settling disputes. Yet experience has shown that nothing is more hurtful or wasteful; while every genuine attempt to give the public a fair knowledge of the facts in any given dispute has tended to peace and smooth working. The people must be more and more considered. In these matters, whatever our correspondent may think; and as public opinion is educated and developed the pressure to prevent industrial war, with its widespread loss and suffering, will be irresistible.—Ed. S.M.H.]

BOARDING-HOUSE FIRE.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE.

KEEPER COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

At the Newcastle Police Court to-day, before Mr. G. F. Scott, S.M., Thomas Ball, 38, boarding-house keeper and proprietor of the sailors' boarding-house, in Nos. 19, 21, and 23 Telford-street, was charged with having on March 29, in company with Joseph Griffen, maliciously set fire to certain dwelling-houses situated in Telford-street, well knowing that persons were in the said dwelling-houses.

The principal witness for the prosecution was Joseph Griffen, who was yesterday committed for trial on a charge of arson as a result of the inquest into the fire by the district coroner. He gave details of arrangements, which he alleged were made by Ball, to burn the place down. He stated that Ball had promised him £50 for the job. Accused told witness to gather all the chips he could, and put them in the cupboards under the staircase on both sides of the house. Accused said that all he wanted was £350 for the furniture. Witness said to him, "What about the men upstairs?" And accused replied, "Dash them stiffs; they can look after themselves." The accused and witness gathered all the newspapers they could get, and put them in the lockers under the staircase in Nos. 19 and 23. After that was done accused said, "I think two sailors' beds, well soaked in kerosene, would be a good idea for this job." Witness commenced drinking, and could not say how he was on the days prior to the house except on Sundays. The chips and papers were put in the lockers. Accused came to his bedroom several nights after looking to see how the weather was, and said, "We had better let her go to-night." This continued for over a week. Witness was more or less intoxicated when Ball approached him on the night of March 24. Accused woke him up and said, "Are you going to do it to-night?" And witness said "Yes," but he then went to sleep again. Accused gave him threepence to buy kerosene, which he purchased on Saturday night. He saw Ball drag two of the sailors' mattresses from the kitchen and place them under the staircases. The kerosene was also put under the staircase. He heard accused striking a match, setting the place on fire.

After other witnesses were examined the accused, Thomas Ball, was committed for trial on the charge mentioned at the Maitland Circuit Court, on April 7.

VICTORIA.

THE BUTT-RUMFORD CONCERT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Madame Clara Butt and Mr. Kennerley Rumford were welcomed back to Melbourne to-night by an audience which filled the Town Hall. The concert was a great success.

A case in which members of the Salvation Army are seeking to have the decision of the police magistrate at Sale reversed was to-day heard by the Full Court, sitting in banco, with a request for further information as to the issues of fact upon which he had decided the case.

MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND RIFLE CLUBS.

TROUBLE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

INSULT TO THE STATE COMMANDANT.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

The trouble which has been simmering between the military authorities in Western Australia and the executive of the National Rifle Association came to a head last evening, at the annual meeting of the association, at which the State Commandant (Lieut.-colonel Lemesurier) presided. The annual report stated that the year unfortunately had been marked by certain differences which had arisen between the council and the district headquarters staff. The council considered that they had a right to expect the energetic and sympathetic assistance of the officer supervising rifle clubs. Hitherto this expectation had not been realised, and to the aloofness and indifference of this officer must be attributed many of the misunderstandings which had arisen between the council and the district headquarters. Whilst present conditions continued the council could not but feel that the friction of the past would not become appreciably less.

The Commandant said that the report had either been drawn up by the officers concerned in total ignorance of the regulations or it had been directed at him as an insult in his position as Commandant. The differences alluded to arose out of his desire to get some of the riflemen to join the annual camp. So far as he was personally concerned he knew that the clubs were at his back. A most ungenerous attack had been made on the staff officer, Captain Pendlebury, who had done his duty. The Commandant and staff officers then withdrew, and the report was adopted.

A TRAVELLER'S LONELY DEATH.

PORT DARWIN, Thursday.

Later information gives the name of the man whose remains were found in the Victoria River district as Ernest Exsy, not Hussey as previously reported. Exsy left Eva Downs station in February last with 3 horses and other equipment, of which no trace has been found. On leaving Eva Downs Exsy stated that it was his intention to call at Newcastle Waters, but he never appeared at that station. The cause of death is a mystery.

RAILWAY TRAVELLERS. THE LAST PURCHASE.

When starting on a long, weary journey, call at HART'S CENTRAL RAILWAY CAFE for a drink and a bottle of FISHER'S FAMOUS KOLA CUP. An excellent Drink and Tonic to soothe the nerves and make one contented. KOLA CUP pleases the palate.—Advt.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES BILL.

ATMOSPHERE ELECTRICAL.

"IT'S A LIE."

CHAIRMAN'S RULING REVERSED.

The Legislative Assembly went into committee shortly after meeting yesterday afternoon to consider the postponed clauses of the Industrial Disputes Bill.

Clause 4—"Definitions."

Mr. GRIFFITH moved to amend the definition of "Dispute" by providing that only in cases where no industrial or trades union exists should "not less than ten employees" be parties to a dispute. The object of the amendment was to make it clear that in trades where there were recognised unions, those unions, and those only, should have the recognition of the Court.

The PREMIER said the amendment would be useful in clearing the air in respect to several subsequent clauses where the same principle applied. Whilst there was no intention or desire on the part of the Government to "sandbag" the unions, at the same time the Government was not going to deprive any man who happened to be outside a union of his just rights. In clause 11 preference was given to organised bodies in the application for the constitution of the boards. But once these boards were constituted there must be nothing which would debar any men of the right of redress of their grievances. (Hear, hear.) If the amendment were carried the jurisdiction of the boards would be limited to disputes between employers and unions.

Mr. GRIFFITH: That is the law of the land to-day.

The PREMIER: It was the law of the land to-day, and a most unjust law. Through the state of the law it was practically impossible to bring the wharf labourers' dispute before the Arbitration Court, because only through the medium of an industrial union could the Court be approached.

Mr. DACEY: Blacklegs never have a grievance.

The PREMIER: You may beg the question in that way, but I decline to call any man a blackleg until he is proved to be one. I decline to subscribe to any proposition which said to the non-unionist, "Unless you join the union you shall starve," or which compelled men to starve by depriving them of the right of approaching the Court to secure a redress of their grievances. (Cheers and dissent.) Once the tribunal for the peaceful settlement of disputes was established, every man, whether a trades unionist or not, must have access to the tribunal.

Mr. EDDEN failed to see any reason why the Premier should impart warmth into the discussion. He strongly supported the proposal to give preference to unionists. There was a vast difference between "scabs" and blacklegs.

An Hon. Member: Your party condemns everybody as a blackleg without trial.

Mr. EDDEN: It's a lie.

Mr. MAHONY asked whether Mr. Edden was in order in calling a member a liar.

Mr. EDDEN: No, I didn't. You'll do me justice; I didn't call anybody a liar.

Mr. MAHONY said that Mr. Edden had asserted that a statement made by a member was a lie.

The chairman said the expression was unparliamentary.

Mr. MAHONY: Is he to withdraw it?

Mr. EDDEN: I shall not withdraw it! I say it again. If anyone says that we on this side of the House condemn everybody as a blackleg without trial, we have not done it.

Mr. MAHONY: That is not what you said just now.

Mr. EDDEN: That is just practically what I said. You do not understand the difference between a scab and a blackleg. Mr. Edden proceeded to discuss the question of preference to unionists, and persisted, despite the Chairman's ruling, that he could not do so. Eventually the Chairman ordered him to cease his speech.

Mr. EDDEN moved that he be further heard, and the motion was agreed to on the voices.

Mr. EDDEN said he had no desire to come into conflict with the Chairman, but if the amendment did not mean preference to unionists he did not know what it meant.

Mr. MAHONY said the amendment meant that no matter what wrongs or grievances any industrial member of the community had, he was not to have any redress unless he belonged to a union, as long as in the industry concerned a union existed.

Mr. BEEBY held that the mover of the amendment simply asked that the interpretation clause defining disputes should be brought into line with clause 11.

Mr. LEVY said that Mr. Beeby had lost sight of the fact that cause 11 dealt only with the steps to be taken to form a board, whereas the amendment before the House dealt with the right of audience before a board.

Mr. LONSDALE said that in the case of an industry where there were 200 unionists and 100 non-unionists they would not the utter absurdity of an amendment such as that proposed.

Mr. M'GOWEN said it would be useless giving 10 men the right to create a dispute if they were not given the right to move the board to settle it. The amendment proposed by Mr. Griffith was an entirely logical one.

Mr. D. STOREY objected to the amendment as an infringement of the liberty of a section of the people.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN held that the object of the Government, as indicated by the clause, was to give free labourers an opportunity to try and upset the fabric of unionism.

Mr. D. JONES opposed the amendment because he emphatically objected to it being left to a mere 8 per cent., as represented by the unionists, to tyrannise over the remaining 92 per cent.

Mr. HOLLIS held that if the clause were passed as it stood it would simply manufacture blacklegs.

Mr. J. STOREY said the bill, so far as the union to which he belonged was concerned, was as waste paper. They would snap their fingers at the Premier, and defy him, unless some such amendment as Mr. Griffith suggested were inserted.

Mr. EDDEN asked why the Government did not go further and say that a man should, without hindrance, be allowed to work for 2s or 2s 6d a day at any occupation. The reason it should not be allowed was that by such means every other man would be brought down to the same level.

Mr. CHARLTON said that if the House rejected the amendment there was very little hope of the measure working with success in the future. Nothing would be more hurtful to the public than strife rather than peace.

The amendment was negatived on a party division by 44 votes to 31. Messrs. Meagher and O'Sullivan voted with the ayes, and Messrs. Price, Donaldson, Collins, and M'Laurin with the noes.

On the motion of the Premier the sentence, "or not less than ten employees," was altered to "or not less than twenty employees."

Mr. J. STOREY moved to amend the definition of "employer" by including the Fitzroy Dock.

The PREMIER declined to accept the amendment, pointing out that the dock was a Government concern, and grievances of the men could be redressed in Parliament.

The motion was negatived on the voices.

Mr. BEEBY moved an amendment to make employee mean a person employed "or working" in any industry. He wanted the insertion of the words "or working" in order to meet the case of sub-contracts, by means of which the awards under the existing law had been evaded.

After discussion the amendment was withdrawn.

The PREMIER moved that the definition be altered to read: "Employee means person employed in any industry; and the fact that a person is working under contract for labour only shall not exclude him from being held to be an employee within the meaning of this Act."

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. CANN said he wished to add to the definition of "industrial matters" the granting of preference of employment to members of industrial or trades unions.

The PREMIER suggested that the amendment be moved in the following form: "Any claim of members of a trade union to be employed in preference to persons who are not such members."

Mr. Cann accepted the Premier's suggestion.

The PREMIER said he wished to make his position clear. All through he had resisted any attempt to embody in the operative clauses of the bill anything that might lend colour to the idea that a board was required to grant preference, but he had also made it perfectly clear that he was all along prepared to include in the definition a paragraph to the effect that a board was free to use its discretion in granting or declining to grant preference.

The amendment was agreed to.

The PREMIER moved a further amendment to provide that "industrial matters" includes all or any matters relating to "any claim of employers or employees that persons not members of trade unions shall be employed in preference to such members, or that members of one trade union be employed in preference to the members of another." He regarded this as the complement of the earlier amendment. It was intended to balance it.

Mr. Beeby, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Macdonell, Mr. Charlton, Mr. Trefle, and other members of the Opposition said the Premier had sprung upon them an unheard of proposition. It was either a contradiction in terms or it was offering a premium to non-union labour. If it had any effect at all it would be in the direction of weakening one trades-union organisation and building up a bogus one.

The PREMIER said the amendment was there simply as a declaration of some of the powers the board might exercise if it saw fit.

The amendment was agreed to by 40 to 28.

The House was sitting when this edition went to press.

CONDEMNATION AT LABOUR COUNCIL.

DRAFTED IN INTERESTS OF CAPITAL.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney Trades and Labour Council, the executive submitted a report upon the Industrial Disputes Bill, in which they stated that the progress made with the bill was such, and its terms of such a tenor in opposition to the desires of trades unions, that they did not deem it necessary to fully criticise it at present.

Mr. F. Bryant made a vigorous speech against the proposed legislation. It was aptly named, because it would cause industrial disputes. The unions would have nothing to do with the bill, which was not framed to meet their desires, but was drafted in the interests of capital. The report was adopted.

IMMIGRATION IMPERATIVE.

SPEECH BY MR. W. H. IRVINE, M.P.

THE NECESSARY ELEMENTS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Two speeches of importance on the question of immigration were delivered to-day at the luncheon given to the State Premier, Mr. Bent, at Glen Waverley. Mr. W. H. Irvine, M.P., severely criticised the position of the Commonwealth Government in relation to this question, and Mr. Bent defined the view which he holds upon the subject.

Mr. Irvine said notwithstanding any efforts that the State Premiers might earnestly make, they would never fully, effectually, or rapidly carry out the policy of peopling Australia until the national Parliament performed its duty. They talked of defence, and a great scheme of defence had been recently placed before them. He asked them to believe that the first and most important line of defence of Australia was to fill Australia with people. (Applause.) The time had come when something definite should be done by the Commonwealth Parliament. He would give Mr. Deakin credit for a sincere desire to bring about an immigration policy, but he was hoppled—manacled and fettered—by the political conditions under which he carried on his work. (Applause.) The Government was entirely controlled by the Labour party, which, powerful though it was in the House, only represented a small minority of the people—(applause)—and the Labour party was not sincere on immigration. It might be willing to assist people who came with money, reluctantly willing, but beyond that it was opposed to any immigration, and would oppose tooth and nail every concrete proposition brought forward. As long as that was so it was impossible for the Government to carry out any effective or large scheme of immigration. For a proper immigration policy for Australia the High Commissioner's office must be opened in London with branches in all the populated districts of Great Britain and Ireland. This year £20,000 was voted for immigration. Five or six times that sum would be required to carry out the work properly. Immigration should not be confined to people with money. Every man of brains, character, and industry landed here, even if without a penny, was worth hundreds of pounds to the State. The second necessary element of an immigration policy was a definite proposition to pay a large proportion of the passage money of those invited to come here. The third element of such a policy was to see before inviting or assisting any immigrants that their characters and health were carefully scrutinised. Another factor was necessary. Every restriction should be removed that would prevent a person in the old country coming to some definite agreement with people who would employ him here. He would not, quite unprepared, to prohibit the introduction of contract workers to strengthen employers against employees in a conflict, but that could be provided for without such a general restriction as the present law. He wanted to see if the Commonwealth Government was prepared to carry out some such definite policy.

If it was thought it might not have the support of the party upon which it relied mainly at present, it would have the support of the bulk of citizens of the community. (Loud applause.)

THE JAPANESE BOYCOTT.

CHINESE MERCHANTS PLEASED.

The Chinese merchants of Sydney are highly pleased with their countrymen in the metropolis for the manner in which they responded to the appeal to join in the boycott of Japanese goods. Yesterday a telegram was despatched on behalf of the Chinese community of Sydney to Hongkong merchants, stating that a boycott of Japanese goods had been decided upon at a mass meeting, and that no Chinese passengers or merchandise would be carried by Japanese steamers from this port. Similar messages were despatched by Chinese firms to business houses at Hongkong. It is expected that the extension of the boycott will be agreed to at a meeting of Chinese at Melbourne within a few days.

JAPANESE CONSUL'S VIEWS.

"ONLY A LITTLE BRANCH MOVEMENT."

TAKEN BY SURPRISE.

The Consul-General for Japan was questioned yesterday as to what he knew and thought of the Japanese boycott. His answers led to the inference that the movement had taken him utterly by surprise, and that the relations between China and Japan were such that the last thing to be expected was a boycott of the one by the other.

No hint of any such outburst had shown itself even in Canton, before he left Japan. He heard only the other day, for the first time, of any such trouble brewing.

"The first I knew of it," he said, "was from reading the 'Herald.' The Japanese Government has not as yet made any communication to me upon the subject."

Do you know what measures the Japanese Government is likely to take?

"No, I have not heard from them."

Do you take a serious view of it?

"Well, that I cannot say until I have heard from my Government. It is only a movement on the side of the Chinese—no fear of our people. The headquarters is in Canton, you know. It comes from there. This is only a little branch movement in Sydney. I did not know of any such feeling in Canton before I left Japan."

LETTER FROM BURNS, PHILP, AND CO.

Yesterday the following letter was sent by Colonel Burns, on behalf of Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, to Mr. Ping Nam, president, Chinese Reform Association:—

Dear Sir,—As managing agents in Australia for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, we consider that we have always held the confidence and esteem of our Chinese friends in connection with the carrying out of freight and passage contracts, and in all other matters connected with the shipping intercourse as between Sydney and the East, as far as the Japanese company is concerned; and we are very pleased to note that at the meeting of Chinese merchants held last night a resolution was passed that the Chinese bear no ill-will to their Japanese friends.

Since a section of the Chinese at Canton feel aggrieved over the unfortunate Tatsu Maru incident and inaugurated a boycott, we have had assurances from many of our clients that they hope to, and will, continue to deal with us, and would sincerely hope that no definite action would be taken which might have any serious effect upon the present Eastern trade connection, which is acknowledged on all hands to be highly satisfactory, regular connection being provided every few days from Sydney by the four large steam companies now engaged in the China-Japanese trade.

It is usually recognised by all experienced business people that a regular, prompt, and economical steam service is better suited to all concerned—shipowners, importers, exporters, and the public generally—than an overdone and exceptionally keen competition of rival services, which tends to demoralise both owners and merchants.

In this way the advent of a purely Chinese service in addition to the present Japanese, British, Australian, and German services, would not be advantageous to Australia, nor would our Chinese friends have much prospect of remunerative results.

All things considered, we would hope that wiser counsels would prevail, and that now the Chinese mercantile community have exemplified what is in their power to do, they will desist from further widening any supposed breach, and allow a quiet and conciliatory attitude to prevail, showing that they have the strength and desire to take a broad view of the position, and so carry out what we feel is their unanimously, not to bear any ill-will to unoffending Japanese merchants, shipowners, and agents, who might be adversely affected by their action.

A WOMAN'S DEATH.

PERTH (W.A.), Thursday.

This morning, before Mr. Walter, P.M., and a jury, the adjourned inquest on Elizabeth Alias Elizabeth Taylor, was present in custody. When arrested, accused said, "I had nothing to do with the girl. I never hurt the girl."

Dr. Taffe deposed that death was due to septic peritonitis, caused by an instrument used unskilfully. The inquest will be resumed to-morrow.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—April 2.

Opland, s, 1344 tons, Captain Moller, from Ocean Island, en route to Adelaide. Passengers—Messrs. Fulton, C. H. Thomas, W. Cottle, Eliza F. Kohler, W. Smith, H. M'Cullough, H. Wright, A. Beeks, J. T. Roland, and J. Lintigare. William Crosby and Co., agents.

Marloo, s, 2088 tons, Captain David Kerr, from Cairns, via ports and Brisbane. Passengers—Saloon 16, second-class 32. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Mercara, s, 2826 tons, Catain J. V. Bentley, from Hobart. Passengers—Saloon 109, steerage 29. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Bergedorf, s, 5138 tons, Captain Heyrage, from Scandinavia, via Melbourne. German-Australian S.S. Company, agents.

Hector, s, 2690 tons, Captain Edmondson, from Brisbane. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Limited, agents.

Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain Graham, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Tuncurry, s, 392 tons, Captain O'Beirne, from Cape Hawke. Allan Taylor and Co., agents.

Era, s, 2079 tons, Captain Egan, from Adelaide. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.

Innamincka, s, 2501 tons, Captain Mackenzie, from Melbourne. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Co., Ltd., agents.

Waratah, s, 307 tons, Captain Pearce, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R.S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Komura, s, 2112 tons, from Rockhampton and Brisbane, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Ltd., agents.

DEPARTURES.—April 2.

Harriet Alice, auz. sch., for Herbertsdale, Wakatipu, s, for Launceston, via Eden.
Orange Branch, s, for New Zealand.
Daniel, for Auckland, via Newcastle.
James Craig, bq, for Auckland, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—April 3.

Marloo, s, for Melbourne; Hawkesbury, s, and Narara, s, for Hawkesbury River; Corra Lynn, s, for Manning River; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke; Archer, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—April 2.

Hero, ship, 1506 tons, Captain Mortensen, for Callao.
Rattle, ktch, 71 tons, Captain Baker, for New Hebrides.
Daniel, bq, 307 tons, Captain Cheeseto, for Auckland, via Newcastle.
Wakatipu, s, 1945 tons, Captain Graham, for Launceston, via Eden.
James Craig, bq, 646 tons, Captain Neagle, for Auckland, via Newcastle.
Maroro, sch, 200 tons, Captain Cain, for Wanguani.
Orange Branch, s, 3435 tons, Captain M'Clelland, for New

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A large number of transactions were effected on 'Change yesterday, the market being generally firmly maintained. New South Wales 3½ per cent. Funded Stock, due 1921, rose 15/. A.J.S. B Deposits /3, Queensland National Deposits /3, Australian Gas (old) 1/3, and Paul and Gray /3, other sales being at previously ruling rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Paul and Gray, ex rights, 28/3; Union Bank of Australia, £60/5/; Australian Gas-Bank of Australia, £60/5/; Australian Gas-light, £19/8/9; A.J.S. Bank B Deposits, 12/6, ditto, inscribed stock, 10/6; Burns, Philp, and ditto, inscribed stock, 10/6; Burns, Philp, and Co. (10/ paid), 20/. Afternoon: Bank of New South Wales, £45; Queensland National Bank Inscribed Deposits, 17/3; Daily Telegraph Newspaper, £70; North Bulli Coal, 30/; Wallsend Coal, £27; Tooth and Co., 40/; Goodlet and Smith, 15/; New South Wales 3½ per cent. Funded Stock, 1921, £99/15/; New South Wales 4 per cent. Funded Stock, Act 1873, £108; New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, fully paid 10/ shares, 4/10.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
STOCK.				£	£	£	
N.S.W. F. S.							
Do. due 1913			3	86½	86½	87	3½
Do., due 1912			3	99½	99½		3½
Do., due 1923			4	101½	101	101½	3½
Do., due 1915			3½	99½	99		3½
Do., due 1924-5					88		4
Do., due 1938			4	100½	100	101	4
Do., Act 1873			4	103	103	110	4
Do., Deb. 1908			4	100	100		4
Do., 1909							
Dists. T. Bills, 1908			3½	100	99		3½
Ditto			4	101½	100		4
N.Z. Deb., 1913			4	101½			
Ditto, 1921			4	102	101	102	
Tasmn. Deb., 1912			4	104	103		
Ditto, Deb., 1918			4	100	100		
Ditto, Tr. Bills			4	100½			
W.A. Inscr.			4	101½			
Ditto, 1907			4				
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank			3	12/6	12/6	12/7½	4/5
Ditto B			3	10/3	10/3		4/5
Do., Inscr.			3½	10/6	10/3	10/9	6/8
Do., Inscr. Con. of Aus.			3	12/6	12/9		4/5
Bank of Australasia			4	19/	19/6	19/9	4/1
B.B. & A. Deb.			4	10	10/6		4/1
Do., pref.			4	10/6	10/6	10/9	4/1
Do., Gr.			3½	12/6	12/7	12/9	5/6
Bank of New South Wales			4	17/	17/	17/6	4/6
Bank of New Zealand			10	2 15	2 15		6/6
Bank of South Australia			4	8/6	8/6		9/4
Bank of Victoria			4	17/6	17/6	18/	4/5
Colonial Bank			1	2/	2/	2/2	4/5
Commercial Bank of Australia			10	15/	15/	15/6	6/5
Commercial Bank of Sydney			4	10	10		8/
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney			4	10	10		8/
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Pref.			4	10	10		8/
Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney, Def.			4	10	10		8/
Commercial Bank of Tasmania			4	10	10		8/
Commercial Bank of Tasmania, Pref.			4	10	10		8/
Commercial Bank of Tasmania, Def

THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

EXCISE DUTIES AND TARIFF BILL.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Senate to-day passed the excise duties, which refer to only ten items.

Senator Clemons (Tas.) was desirous of inserting a new item, "Confectionery containing glucose, paraffin wax, or plaster of paris, 2d per lb."

The chairman declined to receive the motion, because the Senate had no power to insert a new item. This ruling was dissented from, but the President shared the chairman's opinion. He, however, pointed out that the motion, so far as it related to glucose, could be moved as a new sub-item, when the item glucose was reached.

Senator Clemons acted on this advice. His proposal, therefore, was, "Confectionery containing glucose, 2d per lb." It was negatived, the voting being equal. The committee also refused to restore the original duty of 4s per cwt. on glucose.

At the instance of the Minister for Home Affairs is was agreed to raise the duty on amylic, alcohol, and fusel oil from 12s to 13s per gallon. No other alterations were made.

The report was adopted.

CUSTOMS TARIFF BILL.

On the motion for the adoption of the report, requests were made by Senators Pulsford, Neild, Mulcahy, and Millen for the recommittal of the bill, in order to reconsider certain clauses and items in the schedule. These included table waters, oils, photographic sensitised films, and textiles. A long debate ensued, but the committee, by substantial majorities, decided not to recommit the measure.

The Senate amendments made by the House of Representatives in the Australian Industries Preservation Bill were agreed to by the Senate to-night.

The Senate adjourned at 10.20 p.m. until Wednesday, when it is expected that the Estimates will be received from the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE.

Last night the House of Representatives commenced consideration of the estimates of expenditure on defence for the present financial year ending next June. The debate was resumed to-day. The fact that it was something akin to flogging a dead army service mule had no effect in controlling the volubility of members, and war was discussed from every point of view in Australia. The Minister for the department has prepared a memorandum explaining the increase of £61,472 over the appropriation of last year. He gives it as follows:—

Central administration, £4152; naval forces, £7148; military forces, £25,755; cadet corps, £20,685; rifle clubs and associations, £4362; total, £61,472.

The personnel of the naval forces, the memorandum states, has been increased by 31 persons in the permanent forces and 26 in the militia. The personnel of the militia and military forces also shows an increase of 1153 men, of whom 454 are in New South Wales. Camps and schools of instruction required an increase of £4166; maintenance of existing arms of equipment, £4688; artillery and ammunition, £2336; general contingencies, £1310; and railway and steamer fares and freights, £1295.

Criticism was directed at the administration, the treatment of officers, of men, of rifle clubs, and district.

Mr. Joseph Cook attacked the Government for their change of Ministers. Chaos, he said, was the result of making the department a stepping-stone instead of getting the best man for the purpose, and keeping him there. "Five Ministers can't carry five schemes in five years. That's your trouble." He told the Prime Minister, who he considered had given more attention to political exigencies in placing the defence portfolio than to the real question of defending the country. "Why was Sir John Forrest removed?" he asked.

Mr. Page (Qld.): "Oh, ask him"

"Why was Mr. Chapman removed?"

"Got full up," replied an hon. member.

Mr. Crouch (Vic.) denounced the military board system as a failure.

Mr. O'Malley (Tas.) wasted an hour in telling the Government that they should dismiss the whole force and pay £100,000 a year to the British navy, and £100,000 to the American. The House laughed and chaffed the speaker. Two Ministers dozed, and three others read newspapers.

Late at night the debate came to an end, and by special arrangement the Estimates were passed in a few minutes, the totals for each State merely being read over by the chairman.

OFFICERS' COMPENSATION.

GRATUITIES TO WIDOWS.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Officers Compensation Act, which was passed by the House of Representatives, and the Senate in last session, came before the Senate to-night. The measure provides for the appropriation of £2438 for compensation to the widows of the following officers:—Lieutenant-Colonel Bayly, formerly Commandant of South Australia (£4873); Colonel R. C. Bell, who was commandant of Victoria (£134); Master Gunner Price, formerly clerk at the central administration (£110); Sergeant-Major Fraser, late of New South Wales military forces (£20); J. Wilson (£200); S. Burnett (£200); W. R. Child (£200); H. Chapman (£297); J. Clarke (£219), all of whom were postal employees in New South Wales, and T. Martin, formerly telegraphist in Queensland (£5000). To ex-Gunner Watson, of the R.A.A., Victoria, the sum of £24 was sanctioned.

In moving the second reading of the bill the Vice-President of the Executive Council stated that in the majority of cases the officers had met their deaths in the discharge of their duties. By established practice the widows would have received these gratuities if the husbands had not been transferred from the State to the Commonwealth service. The relatives were now in straitened circumstances, and members should have no hesitation in recommending the payment of the amounts suggested.

The motion was agreed to.

In committee Senator Stewart moved that the grant to Mrs. Wilson be increased to £450. The Government opposed the proposal, because she was now employed in the Commonwealth Public Service at a salary of £100 per year. The motion was defeated on the voices.

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow of the third reading being agreed to. The bill was then returned to the House of Representatives.

COMMONWEALTH RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The meeting of the executive committee of the Commonwealth Council of the Rifle Associations of Australia was held to-day. The result of the appeal of Major-General Hoad, C.M.G., for subscriptions towards procuring an "Empire trophy" was announced, when it was found that £202 had been received to date, and that some of the States promised further efforts. It was also decided to endeavour to send an Australian team to England in 1909 to compete for the Kolapore Cup. The committee waited on the Minister for Defence subsequently. Lieutenant-Colonel Davies informed the Minister that it would be impossible to send an Australian rifle team to England this year, but it was proposed to do so next year, and he urged the Minister to make a grant of £2000 per year to enable the council to send a team, and to encourage visits of British teams to Australia. Mr. Ewing admitted that the object of the deputation was a worthy one, and that these international visits of riflemen were a good advertisement to the Commonwealth. He would, of course, make no definite promise, but the deputation could rest assured that their request would be favourably dealt with.

STATE REVENUES.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

The aggregate amount of revenue derived by the State Government for the month of March totalled £78,435, as against £63,849 for March, 1907. The total revenue for nine months is brought up to £787,456, as against £688,391, being an increase of £69,065.

It's so dry, hot, and dusty at Bourke,
That exertion the townspeople shirk;
Though the heat there is chronic,
If they take Laxo-Tonic
They'll be fit for the hardest of work.
LAXO-TONIC PILLS, 10½d and 1s 6d.—Advt.

A portrait of the Philharmonic Society's new conductor, Mr. Joseph Bradley, appears in the "Sydney Mail" this week.—Advt.

The Agricultural and Pastoral Notes in this week's issue of the "Sydney Mail" deal with important subjects.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Up to 5 p.m. to-day Mr. R. C. Hungerford, secretary, will receive nominations for the five events on the programme for the N.S.W. Trotting Club's meeting, to be held at Epping on the 13th inst. The sum of £180 is available in prize money, and particulars are advertised in this issue.

Entries for the April meeting of the Newcastle Jockey Club close with the secretary, Mr. J. Grisdale, on Monday next. Full particulars are advertised.

Receptus was yesterday scratched for the A.J.C. St. Leger Stakes.

The scratchings notified yesterday in connection with the Rosehill Autumn Meeting were Mandalay, Selimpian, and Belfry, out of the Hurdle Race; Dora Grey and Crofton out of the Carlingford Mile; and Mattie out of the Club Handicap.

Our Grafton correspondent telegraphs that the annual report of the Clarence River Jockey Club shows that the list of membership totals 106. The income for the past year was £2218, including £516 gate money, £220 members' subscriptions, and £323 bookmakers' fees; while the expenditure totalled £1921, including £722 prize money. The club's assets are valued at £1802. The following members of the committee were elected for the ensuing year:—Messrs. E. T. Blaxland, C. S. Bundock, P. Clarence, T. T. Rawden, E. G. Elworthy, E. S. Daniel, S. Harris, J. Spencer, J. Campbell, and S. W. Dowling; secretary, Mr. J. H. Munro; treasurer, Mr. A. Thompson.

Mr. A. W. G. Cowdry, hon. secretary, writes stating that the membership of the Bega Trotting Club has now reached 113, and that the fee for members is one guinea, instead of 10s 6d, as previously reported.

Our West Maitland correspondent telegraphs that the bay gelding Yankee Dan, by America from Eve, has been sold to Mr. Mark Campbell, of Scone, for £20 10s.

The report and balance-sheet of the Cootamundra Turf Club and the trustees' balance-sheet for the year 1907 are to hand from Mr. S. H. Dickson, who occupies the position of secretary to both bodies. The club's report shows that during the period under review the committee paid to the trustees the sum of £340, £250 of which was for the redemption of five debentures of £50 each, and the balance for interest, caretaker's wages, and sundry other items. The membership for the year totalled 148, or an increase of 12 on the preceding term, while there was a credit balance of £32 12s 6d. The committee for the current year are Dr. J. J. Brannan, Messrs. J. Connell, J. J. Costigan, H. H. Carberry, S. H. Cohen, J. Elliott, M. J. Hogan, F. Pinkstone, P. Ryan, and S. E. White; treasurer, Mr. E. J. Burrell. During the year three meetings of two days each were held, which were well supported by horsewomen, and a successful benefit meeting for the local hospital was also held.

King Edward VII. has decided to preserve the skeleton of Persimmon at Sandringham, in memory of one of the best horses ever bred. The skeleton will be set up by Messrs. Rowland Ward, Limited, Piccadilly.

R. Wootton, who is now racing in England, has given Fabric, who won Tattersall's Club Cup at Randwick two years ago, a chance of earning distinction over obstacles. Fabric was in the field against the five starters for the Maiden Hurdle Race at Kempton Park on February 25, but was not fancied, and his stable mate Mitral, by Minstrel, who started second favourite at 6 to 4, won easily.

A race club has been formed at Mullumbimby, with Mr. Wickford president. About 55 members have joined, and over £60 was promised towards the support of the club.

At the race meeting at Wallsend on Saturday the president of the jockey club (Mr. D. Jones), on behalf of the committee (says the "Maitland Mercury"), presented Mr. John Renfrew (the club's starter) with a pair of field glasses and a gold trinket, and Mr. J. Rennie with a first-class saddle, as some recognition of the first-aid services, etc., rendered by them on occasions of accident or danger. Both the recipients suitably acknowledged the gifts. An advantage was taken of the gathering to drink the health of Mr. James Fletcher, one of the club's best and most liberal supporters in the past, and also one of its trustees. Mr. Fletcher had not visited Wallsend for years, and in responding to the compliment paid him expressed his surprise and delight at the advance the W.J.C. had made in the interval.

The Lyndhurst (Q.) studmaster Mr. C. E. M'Dougall, who purchased the four-year-old mare Blue Stocking, by Havoc from Blue Bonnet, by Autonomy from Blue Sleeves, by Trenton, at the dispersal of the Durham Court stud, with the intention of mating her with imported Ladurlad, will before doing so give her a chance of earning distinction on the turf, and has leased her with that object.

The death of Yabba is reported from Valewood, Queensland, in his 26th year. Yabba was bred in the Northern State by Mr. J. Williams at the Tent Hill stud, and was by Melbourne from Yelena, by Oriflamme from Lightning, by Jersey, and his turf successes included the A.J.C. St. Legger, 1886, Sandgate Handicap, Brisbane Tattersall's double—the City and Suburban Handicap and Metropolitan Stakes, 1887; these he secured for his breeder. Subsequently he became the property of Mr. W. Mooney, whom he credited with the All-Aged Stakes and the City and Suburban Handicap at Tattersall's meeting, 1888, as well as several minor events before he again changed hands, the new owner being Mr. C. W. Murray. For the latter he won the Sandgate Handicap, 1890, and was afterwards purchased by Mr. J. F. D'Deen, under whose colours he Melbourne gelding appropriated the V.A.T.C. Grand National Hurdle Race, 1891. The following season he was sent to the stud, but did not prove a success.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Tangaroa went well over a mile at Flemington this morning, cutting out the distance in 1m 49⅘. He will leave for Sydney to-morrow.

Dyed Garments (E. King), Currandooley, and Sergeant Brue were associated in a gallop over 4 furlongs, and dyed Garments finished eighth in front of Currandooley in 2m 5s, with Sergeant Brue some distance off. Dyed Garments leaves for Sydney with Grenadier on Tuesday.

Tulkeroo and Delenda, who are booked to make the Sydney trip on Monday, worked together this morning. Tulkeroo was not over exerted to run a mile and a quarter in 2m 12s; while Delenda and Dalriada were companions in a useful 6 furlongs.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

BRIGHT STEEL GALLOPS BRILLIANTLY.

MALTINE GOES WELL.

ELEVATION MAKES HIS APPEARANCE.

There were a touch of winter in the air and bavy dew on the ground at Randwick yesterday morning, when the tracks were opened. The middle grass track was in use, and in good order. Interesting features of the morning were the presence of the New Zealand colt Elevation, and an opportunity to witness a gallop by the English horse Bright Steel, who in company with his imported stable mates Snowy River, 3, rattled over six furlongs in 1m 17s, early in the morning, when the dew was heaviest. Elevation was restricted to pacing work, and a moderate spurt from the three-furlong post home. This son of San Francisco is a perfectly-formed chestnut, low of stature, but is powerfully built for his weight, and is exceptionally good about the quarters. Mountain King, wearing a hood, strode over a mile in 1m 47s, and seemed to do it well, and Master Foote, who looks in excellent condition, was too good for Barley Water in a five-furlong sprint, which occupied 1m 3⅘. Poseidon was let off with a half-mile spurt in 53⅘s, and The Owl was treated to an easy six furlongs in 1m 21⅘s. Welcome Trist was associated with Schooner for some three-quarter pace work, and Boscommon, a stable mate of Bright Steel, and a very long strider, covered the last half-mile of six furlongs in 51s. Mother Goose and Kuban ran six furlongs in a trifle worse than 1m 20s, and Cleis got over five in 6s. Jack Smith was going better than Lady Eplstone at the end of a mile, run in 1m 47s; and Jack Smith, continuing on alone, completed a round in 2m 20s. Peru just beat Sivori over seven furlongs in 1m 21s, and King's Cross, who should have joined the pair in the gallop, but did not, ran the distance alone in 1m 23⅘s. Leuron had the call over Miss Bass at the end of half a mile, run in 50⅘s, and Maltose was too good for Scimitar and Maltzeur in a run over five furlongs, in 1m 5s. Artful went attractively over a mile in 1m 49⅗, and six furlongs in 1m 18s went down to Absentee and Oboe. Carrying a light weight, Maltine astonished the regulars by running five furlongs in 1m 2⅘—the last four in 49⅘s. Borodino was all out to complete five furlongs in 1m 6s, and Grafton Lad was alone in 1m 47⅘s, and Ale, with a companion, ran five furlongs in 1m 4⅘s. Payten's two-year-olds, Adriatic and Alloway, without shoes, beat Faro over half a mile in 50⅘s, while the rest of Payten's youngsters, including Black Range, who went well, spurted smartly. Maraaui came down half a mile in 51s, and Tartan rattled over a mile and a quarter in something like his old style, running the last six furlongs in 1m 20⅘s. Fille Fogi beat Also over six furlongs in 1m 20⅘s, and Norway ran a mile in 1m 50⅘s. The Queenslander Dixie was out for useful work, and her compatriot, Togo, knocked off six furlongs nicely in 1m 20s. Lamora ran a similar distance without trouble in 1m 19⅘s, and The Castaway travelled a furlong further in 1m 32s. Black Mark galloped six furlongs in 1m 21s, but his usual mate, Lord Fitzroy, worked easily. Camera beat Dora Grey in a six-furlong, which occupied 1m 20s, and Barley Brew was too good for Lord Maltster at the end of half a mile in 53s. Busyfoot covered six furlongs in 1m 18s, and half a mile in 52s went down to Matchmaker and Jolly Kate. Royal Arthur and Coppertop traversed six furlongs in 1m 21⅘s, and Belle Blue five in 1m 6s. Conductor got over six furlongs in 1m 20s, a record that High Lady lowered by 1⅘s. Host and Rocklight galloped a mile fairly well, while Longchamps, Comely, Vada, and a few others worked on the tan. After breakfast, Orcus, Yellow Star, and a few others of Earnshaw's lot worked usefully, and at the end of five furlongs, run in 1m 4⅘, there was nothing to choose between Little Lad and Malt Queen.

GOULBURN RACING CLUB.

CUP WON BY WAR BEE.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The autumn meeting of the Goulburn Racing Club opened to-day in beautiful weather, and the course was in fair order. The special train which started from Sydney to-day brought about 300 visitors, and Mr. M'Mahon, who was selected by the A.J.C., attended as stipendiary steward. The attendance was a record for the opening day. Results:—

Opening Handicap of £25, second £3 from the prize, 6f.—H. Brennan's Queen Bird, by Nobleman (imp.)—Goldsnick, 7st 9lb (C. Barden), 1; E. G. Broben's Cres O, 8st 9lb (Woods), 2; R. W. M'Kinnon's Jeannie Cameron, 8st 5lb (Price), 3. Other starters: Durlet, 9st 5lb (Houseman); Parmerem, 8st 4lb (M'Cormack); War Lass, 6st 12lb (Doyle). Betting: 6 to 4 Cres O, 3 to 1 v Queen Bird, 5 to 1 v Jeannie Cameron, 8 to 1 v Borlel, 10 to 1 v others. Queen Bird challenged Cres O, who led into the straight, headed her in the run home, and won by about a length and a half, with Jeannie Cameron a good third. Time, 1m 19s.

Trial Stakes of £10, second £1, w.f.a., 6f.—W. Gibbs's Derwent, by Grafton—Flancrez, 9st 7lb (Hyland), 1; P. D. Henry's Too Blue, 8st 6lb (Clifton), 2; G. and J. W. Fitzgerald's Brilliantine, 7st 2lb (Parkhurst), 3. Other starters: Tarago, 8st 12lb (White); Iris, 8st 7lb (Doyle). Betting: 5 to 4 on Derwent, 6 to 1 v Too Blue, 7 to 1 each v Iris and Brilliantine, 10 to 1 v Tarago. A splendid finish. Derowie led all the way, but Too Blue nearly pipped her on the post, Derowie only winning by a short head, while Brilliantine was well up next. Time, 1m 20s.

Goulburn Cup of £110, second £20 (first prize of £100 presented by Mr. A. B. Chisholm), 9f.—E. and N. H. Gibbs's War Bee, by War God—Sorrowing, 9st (J. Barden), 1; E. Keys' Outbreak, 8st 5lb (Hood), 2; D. Slattery's Orange, 10st 2lb (Clifton), 3. Other starters: Sanionara, 8st 7lb (Hamerton); Protector, 8st 2lb (A. Price); Lady Bessie (late Uralla), 7st 10lb (E. Catlinan); Dix, 6st 7lb (H. Fields). Betting: 6 to 4 v War Bee, 3 to 1 v Outbreak, 4 to 1 each v Orange and Ennismar, 10 to 1 v others. War Bee jumped away with the lead, and held it throughout. Outbreak put in a chase in the straight, but the favourite stuck to his task in gallant style, and won easily by five lengths, with Orange about a length behind Outbreak. Time, 1m 57 4-5s.

Welter Handicap of £15, second £2, 7f.—J. Carr's Schoolboy, by Bloodhound—Lady Linda, 9st 2lb (J. Hanaybel), 1; R. D. Henry's Too Blue, 8st 3lb (C. Barden), 2; Mrs. G. Wallace's Highrock, 9st 7lb (A. Price), 3. Other starters: Victor, 9st 4lb (Clifton); Wygray, 9st 7lb (Connell); Fregrater, 9st (Hood); Eris, 8st (Benny). Betting: Even money on Too Blue, 3 to 1 v Highrock, 5 to 1 v Schoolboy, 6 to 1 v others. Schoolboy led throughout, and won by two lengths. Time, 1m 34⅘.

April Handicap of £30, second £5, 7f.—W. Brown's Kylow, by Lancaster—Angela, 8st 9lb (Hood), 1; H. Slattery's Pecuvi, 9st 8lb (Clifton), 2; R. Whitticker's Arundel, 9st 8lb (W. Jones), 3. Other starter: War Lass, 6st 12lb (Doyle). Betting: 6 to 4 v Kylow, 3 to 1 v Arundel, 4 to 1 v Pecuvi, 10 to 1 v others. Schoolboy led throughout, and won by two lengths. Time, 1m 34⅘.

April Handicap of £20, second £3, 6f.—T. Higgins's Illampu, by Acumen—Kuliani, 8st 4lb (C. Barden), 1; Mrs. J. Wallace's Rockfall, 7st 13lb (Price), 2; J. Callaghan's Reform, 9st 11lb (Fields), 3. Other starter: Charlotte, 7st 12lb (M'Cormack). Betting: Even money on Illampu, 6 to 4 v Rockfall, 10 to 1 v others. Rockfall led to the bend, where Illampu came out, and won easily by four lengths. Time, 1m 18s.

MOLONG JOCKEY CLUB.

VOLTA AGAIN SUCCESSFUL.

MOLONG, Thursday.

The Molong Jockey Club's annual meeting was concluded to-day, when the attendance was fair and the weather fine, but the fields were small. The double was won by Volta. Results:—

Lerres Lake Handicap, 6f.—Sir Iver's Sampson Brass, br. Nagambie—Archduchess, 9st 9lb (Lillyman), 1; Frank Quinn's Bally, 9st 9lb (Quinn), 2. Only two starters. Betting: 2 to 1 on Bally, 5 to 4 v Sampson Brass. Sampson Brass won by one length. Time, 1m 20s.

Gamble Welter, 7f.—H. C. Betts' Status, by Leeholme—Rival, 9st 11lb (Lillyman), 1; W. Black's Pharalee, 9st 2lb (M'Hugh), 2; J. Konig was the only other starter, but ran out. Betting: 2 to 1 against Status, 2 to 1 on Konig, 3 to 1 v Status, 5 to 1 v Pharalee. Won easily. Time, 1m 36 4-5s.

Molong Jockey Club Handicap, 1m 1f.—W. J. Hutton's Volta, by Gaulus—Volt, 8st, including 7lb penalty (Johnson), 1; S. Taylor's Konig, 8st 5lb (M'Hugh), 2; N. Ivers' Sampson Brass, 9-4 (Lillyman), 3. Only three started. Betting: 2 to 1 against Volta, 3 to 1 v Sampson Brass, 4 to 1 v Konig. Won by three lengths. Time, 2m 1 1-5s.

Burrawong Handicap, 6f.—Frank Quinn's Bally, by Nagambie—Her Ladyship, 10st 6lb (Quinn), 1; J. Rosebery's Tristeria, 7st 10lb, 2. Only two starters. Betting: 2 to 1 on Bally, even money on Tristeria. A great race; Bally won on the post by a head. Time, 1m 21 2-5s.

Reymedora Handicap, 6f.—H. D. O'Brien's Bonnie Blink, by First Water—Violanthe, 8st 12lb (Johnson), 1; C. Hall's Lady Hugh, 9st 12lb (Hugh), 2; W. Black's Pharalee, 7st 5lb (Lillyman), 3. Ashrook, 7st, also started. Betting: Even money on Bonnie Blink, 2 to 1 v Konig, 3 to 1 each v Pharalee and Ashrook. Won easily. Time, 1m 21s.

WEST WYALONG H.A.C.B.S. RACE CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the H.A.C.B. Society's Race Club was concluded on Wednesday, and taking into consideration the fact that the district is suffering from the effects of a prolonged drought, with at present no indications of improvement, and that a mining strike has caused serious depression on the field, the meeting was a fairly successful one. Neither the attendance of the public nor the patronage of horseowners was up to what they would have been but for the drawbacks mentioned. The results were as follow:—

FIRST DAY.

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Mr. S. Primmer's Corra Lynn, by Jeweller—Coraband, 8st 8lb, 1; Mr. Hallihan's Arrican, 7st 7lb, 2; Mr. J. Kirkwood's Little Joe, 7st 12lb, 3.

First Hack Race, 6f.—Mr. A. Hallihan's Chesterlea, by Chesterman—Rita, 8st, 1; Mr. W. Woods's Sore Knees, 9st 6lb, 2; Mr. M. Shield's Income, 8st 10lb, 3.

St. Patrick's Day Handicap, 1m 1f.—Mr. J. Laffan's Ballast, by Ballinderry—Oceana, 9st 10lb, 1; Mr. J. Leggo's Loch Foin, 7st, 2; Mr. J. Darcy's Octavia, 9st 5lb, 3.

President's Handicap, 7f.—Mr. W. Saville's Pardon, by Cosmo—Mishap, 8st, 1; Mr. J. Laffan's Dragonade, 8st, 2; Mr. J. Rouch's Camphor, 9st 5lb, 3.

Welter Handicap, 6f.—Mr. S. Primmer's Corra Lynn, 9st 2lb, 1; Mr. J. Darcy's Arrican, 7st 11lb, 2; Mr. Shield's Income, 7st 7lb, 3.

SECOND DAY.

Flying Handicap, 6f.—Mr. F. Kirkwood's Little Joe, by Correo—Forty Winks, 7st, 1; Mr. S. Primmer's Corra Lynn, 9st 4lb, 2; Mr. J. Darcy's Octavia, 9st 5lb, 3.

Trial Handicap.—Mr. W. Woods's Sore Knees, by Niagara—Fifty, 9st 10lb, 1; Mr. J. Laffan's Ballast, 8st 12lb, 2; Mr. Shield's Gauldean, 8st 12lb, 3.

Second Hack Race, 6f.—Mr. S. Primmer's Corra Lynn, 10st, 1; Mr. Kirkwood's Little Joe, 7st 9lb, 2; A. Hallihan's Chesterlea, 8st 6lb, 3.

Hibernian Handicap, 1m.—Mr. J. Laffan's Ballast, 9st 4lb, 1; Mr. T. Leggo's Loch Foin, 7st 5lb, 2; Mr. Byrne's Corona, 8st 5lb, 3.

Publicans' Purse.—Mr. W. Saville's Pardon, 8st 5lb, 1; Mr. W. Byrne's Corona, 8st 12lb, 2.

Forced Handicap.—Corra Lynn, w.o.

PARRENDALE PICNIC RACE CLUB.

PEAK HILL, Thursday.

At the Parrendale picnic races, the feature of the meeting was the riding of the secretary, Mr. E. Turner, who piloted six winners in seven races. Results:—

Maiden Plate.—Carlotta, 1; Kimona, 2; Discouraged, 3.

Ladies' Bracelet.—Aurolight, 1; Atlantes, 2.

Buggy-horse Race.—Romeo, 1; Coronation, 2; Happy Jack, 3.

Farrendale Handicap.—Mr. Oates' Wheatear, 1; Mr. A. Robertson's Atlantes, 2; Messrs. A. Williamson Bros.' Aurolight, 3. Wheatear started at 3 to 1 on. Won by a head.

Belmont Handicap.—Wheatear, 1; Aurolight, 2; Carlotta, 3.

Hack Race.—Glen, 1; Fluster, 2; Vain Hope, 3.

Benten Stakes.—Kimona, 1; Discouraged, 2; Atlantes, 3.

GLEN INNES PICNIC RACE CLUB.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

The second day's racing of the local Picnic Race Club's results is as under:—

Ladies' Gift.—Dr. Wrigley's Utah, 1.

Bolivia Stakes.—Mr. P. F. Abbott's Bloomfield, 1.

President's Handicap.—Mr. A. M. White's Condor, 1.

Saumarez Stakes.—Mr. H. D. Cowper's Acorn, 1.

Vice-presidents' Handicap.—Dr. Wrigley's Utah, 1.

GOLF.

GOULBURN G.C.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the golf club was held on Tuesday evening, Mr. C. M. Shaw (president) in the chair. The report and financial statement showed that the season commenced with a credit of £30, and ended with one of £57. The roll of members on March 31 was 58 full privilegee', 7 juniors, and 21 associates, total 86, which was a substantial increase on the previous season. Mr. H. I. Kelso was elected president, Mr. W. A. Martin hon. secretary, and Mr. H. Payten captain. As the outcome of a recommendation by a sub-committee, a motion was submitted to increase the annual subscription from a guinea to 30s, and the associates' and juniors' from 5s to 10s. An amendment was carried that the subscription remain the same with the exception of associates' and juniors. It was held that as the tenure of the links would expire in two years, it would be inadvisable to spend a large sum of money on them. Mr. Kelso then resigned as president, and Mr. Conolly as vice-president.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

PARRAMATTA BICYCLE CLUB.

The Parramatta Club will hold a members' road race to-morrow over 10 miles on the Rydalmere-Dundas course. Twenty-two riders have nominated.

ASHFIELD CLUB.

The Ashfield Bicycle Club has been granted sanction by the League council for a 20 miles' road race on May 16. The contest will be unpaced. The competition will be held over the Liverpool course, starting and finishing at Ashfield.

ENFIELD CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared for the 10-mile members' handicap, over Homebush course, on Saturday:—H. N. Cannon, E. L. Betts, scr; F. White, 1m 25s; L. Walcott, 1m 45s; W. Hughes, 1m 50s; C. Houghton, L. Jones, 2m 30s; C. Binnie, 2m 40s; F. W. Airey, 3m 25s; H. Brown, 3m 40s; C. Heather, 4m.

BALMAIN CLUB.

The Balmain Bicycle Club has arranged to hold a sports programme in connection with its opening run to Wellman's Gardens to-morrow. In addition to the sports events, there will be a ladies' vice-presidents' handicap, a ladies' race, tug-of-war, quoit match, potato race, and several other athletic competitions.

The Balmain Club intends making a bold bid this season to regain its laurels in the Dunlop premiership. F. Ponty, who won the one mile State championship in 1904, and Lawson, the winner of the individual championship in the same year, will again represent the club.

SWIFT ROAD RACE.

Following are the handicaps for the Swift Bicycle Club's five miles road race to-morrow over the Bunnerong course:—C. M. Cutcliffe, P. Multon, scr; E. A. M'Gregor, 1m; S. S. Dow, 1m 10s; C. J. Cutcliffe, G. Lyon, 1m 25s; S. Stephen, G. Graham, 1m 30s; R. Cruse, 1m 35s; J. Bull, R. Jackson, L. Hirthe, 1m 40s; W. Atterton, E. Slevin, 1m 55s; W. Harrison, 2m 5s; S. Heron, 2m 30s; J. Corry, 2m 35s; E. Northern, 2m 40s; C. Sandell, 3m 30s.

PIONEER MOTOR CYCLE CLUB.

The Pioneer Motor Cycle Club will hold a two-days reliability trial on Easter Sunday and Monday from Sydney to Mount Victoria and back. A start will be made on the first day from the G.P.O. at 9 a.m. The competing machines will be divided into classes, and the following speed averages have been allotted:—Class A, machines up to 3½-h.p., 16 miles per hour; Class B, over 3½-h.p., 18 miles per hour. Any competitor outside schedule time will lose 10 points for each quarter of an hour or part thereof outside. Each competitor will act as an observer the other. No points will be lost for adjusting pulleys or belts or attending to trial troubles. The following is a list of the penalties:—Broken exhaust, 15 points; electrical troubles, 10 points; changing plug, 10 points; loose pulley, 10 points; broken tyre, 10 points; adjusting nuts, 5 points; broken fork springs, 10 points; broken collar, 5 points; any other adjustment not mentioned, 5 points. The contest is open to all comers, and the riders will be sent off in pairs.

NEW YORK PARIS RACE.

Some trying experiences, which are not recorded by the contestants in the New York-Paris motor race in negotiating the transcontinental trip across America under midwinter conditions. In places where the snow had been cleared away it was piled up and covered by heavy snow, great hardships being experienced by the drivers and passengers. At Utica (280 miles from New York), Scarfoglio, on the Zust car (Italian), was in the van, with the American, Roberts (Thomas car), second, and St. Chaffray (De Dion) third; whilst the German officers on the Protos car and Godard (Motobloc) were far behind. Roberts reached Buffalo first, with St. Chaffray second, Scarfoglio lost the lead through overturning his car, fortunately without serious damage to occupants. The car had to "spill" for repairs, but travelling all night picked up its leeway, and left Buffalo six hours ahead of St. Chaffray and Thomas. From the difficulties to be surmounted, it looks as if the run from New York to San Francisco will take the best part of two months to negotiate.

CRICKET.

LADIES AT PLAY.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

A cricket match took place this afternoon between lady representatives of Tamworth and Narrabri, the latter winning on the first innings. Tamworth batted first, and put up 74, and Narrabri responded with seven for 68, the principal scorers being Miss Hulbert, retired, 29, Miss Kelliher 17.

WAGGA, Thursday.

The proceeds of the two days' cricket match played here last month between the Fijians and Wagga were £122, of which Fijians received £61.

The annual return cricket match between Old Buffers teams of Wagga and Albury was played yesterday, and won by Wagga by 60 runs. The proceeds are expected to run to about £60.

BASEBALL.

LEICHHARDT CLUB.

At the tenth annual meeting of the Leichhardt Baseball Club, held at the Royal Hotel, Leichhardt, the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing season:—Patron, Mr. A. C. Carmichael, M.L.A.; president, Mr. N. C. Neal, J.P.; vice-presidents, Messrs. T. C. Burr, J. Greatorex, W. J. Pearson, T. C. Partonage, A. Haughton, J. Barnes, J. Looney; Captain Ellis; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. J. Stephens; assistant secretary, Mr. J. Kennedy; delegates to N.S.W. Baseball Association, Messrs. A. J. Stephens and R. Stephens; match committee, Messrs. J. Asdown, G. Stephens, and R. Kelsey; general committee, Messrs. G. Walker, J. Franks, T. Bury, E. Wilson, G. Stephens; hon. auditors, Messrs. G. Walker and T. Bury.

A number of new members were enrolled, and it was decided to enter a second team in the B grade competition.

BOWLS.

ASSOCIATION COMPETITION.

GLEBE CLUB.

WAVERLEY v MANLY.

On Randwick Green.

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Dean, Carroll, Morrison, Evans	17	24
Knox, Foster, Hanigan, Luckham	25	28
Fairweather, Hallam, Cook, Bowden	33	9
Stainton, Chalmers, Hughes, Fuller	21	10
Fullwood, Burge, Cox, Gelding	21	20
Gillett, Sarler, Passau, Hinds	9	27
Totals	73	98

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At Petersham.

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LACROSSE.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

CITY v BURWOOD.

At St. Luke's Park, Parramatta-road, Burwood. Teams to catch the 2.2 train (through) to Ashfield. The following have been selected to play:—City: J. Merrett, A. Porter, P. Singleton, A. Williamson, A. Linsley, H. Rivett, C. Garnett, Hinwood, R. Rockwell, A. Woods, V. Garnett, S. Fullwood, G. Gabriel. Burwood: G. Twine, W. Stillman, A. Aylmer, P. Richardson, G. Allen, D. Milne, L. Abel, C. Hunt,

MINING.

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Such was the lethargic state of the market yesterday, that the announcement that Baker's Creek Company had obtained the fine yield of 1055oz from 309 tons of stone caused an advance of only 2d in the buying offers made in the morning. Later on in the day, however, buyers bid up better. The two previous crushings, added to the present one, make a total of 2710oz, which at £3 16s per oz is worth £10,298. It is stated unofficially that the company has in hand something like £17,000, so that the shareholders very naturally think it is time a dividend was declared.

The mill of the Sulphide Corporation Company, at the Central Mine, Broken Hill, during the four weeks ended March 21, treated 15,946 tons of ore, producing 2967 tons of leady concentrates. Also 24,846 tons of tailings were treated, producing 9890 tons of zinc concentrates. At the Cockle Creek works, during the same period, 1929 tons of leady concentrates, 296 tons of residues, and 2423 tons of purchased ores were smelted, yielding 1569 tons of lead, containing 141,423oz of silver and 772lbs of gold. There were also treated 204 tons of zinc concentrates, producing 77 tons of spelter. The abovementioned gold was almost entirely derived from purchased ores.

The last report to hand from the Mungana mine (Q.), dated March 20, makes no mention of the reported discovery of rich copper ore, some of it equal to 50 per cent. matte, said to have been made in the Gerdia main shaft. It is down 525ft, and preparations are being made to open out at 510ft. The winze from the 410ft level is down 71ft, and is in dense sulphides. The south east section of the borehole stope is yielding good copper ore. High grade copper carbonates are coming from the cross-cut drive in the Lady Jane section, whilst values continue high at the 320ft level. For the week 479 tons of ore were despatched to the smelters.

A telegram was received yesterday from the manager of the Mount Cuthbert copper mine, situated fifty miles from the Burrundie station, on the railway line from Port Darwin, Northern Territory, to Pine Creek, stating that he was despatching to Port Darwin 32½ tons of tin, for despatch to Sydney, leaving 3 tons still on hand. The mine embraces two main lodes, each averaging about 8ft in width, and worth, on an average, about 8 per cent. of tin. In addition, the lease is intersected by tin leaders, which are being worked on tribute by some 70 Chinese. The mine owners are working the main lodes by open cut, as well as by a tunnel. It is equipped with a 20-head battery, Frue vanners, Wilfley tables, jiggers, and concentrators. The ore is crushed in bulk, and the tin dressed up to about 65 per cent.

A copy has been received of a report dealing with the operations of the "Lloyd" Copper Company for the fortnight ended February 27, and despatched per mail to the London directors on February 29. That is to say, the report is 32 days old, and is handed to the sydney press at a time that is supposed to synchronise with its arrival in London. This, it is understood, is done at the request of the London directors, who, it is understood, object to the reports being published here in advance of their arrival in London. What is quite true is that the simultaneous publication in London and Sydney of the reports places both the Australian and English shareholders on the same footing as regards developments in the mine, some of the Australian shareholders think at least, rather than they should have to wait over a month before they are allowed to know what has transpired in a mine a few miles out of Sydney.

During the month of February the Queensland Exploration Co. shipped 54 tons 8cwt 3qr 11lb of 98 per cent. black copper to London, leaving 6cwt 2qr 3lb on hand. Repairs are being made to the blast furnace, and it is expected to commence smelting early this month. Some 466 tons of 16.75 per cent. ore, including 86 tons of limestone, were smelted, and the matte produced contained 71 per cent. copper, 0.18oz gold, and 0.52oz silver per ton. The blister copper produced amounted to 67 tons, whilst the average slag percentage was 2.6 per cent. With regard to future operations it is stated that when the blast furnaces are completed all the sulphide ore will be sent direct to them from the mine, together with as much oxidised ore as the amount of sulphur to produce a 50 per cent. matte. The latter will be roasted to black copper, together with whatever high grade oxidised ores (80 per cent. to 85 per cent.) the company is able to purchase. All the slags from the reverbs will be sent down to the blast furnaces to be smelted with the daily output.

MINING IN THE STATE.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Commonwealth Company at Bodangora have erected a lime kiln near their battery, and commenced burning operations on Tuesday. Previously all the lime required was carted from Wellington. An ironstone quarry has also been opened up in Mr. L. Bullock's paddock, from which the smelters are supplied with 30 tons of ironstone a week. Four men are also engaged in raising ore for flux at Dickerton.

YAMBULLA, Thursday.

It is reported here that Messrs. Durkin and Biddulph and party, having procured a permit from the warden, have taken possession of the reef opened by Russian John on Mr. Robert Alexander's private land at Pericoe. They have pegged in 10 acres. The reef is said to be 18 inches wide, and gives excellent prospects throughout.

Cantrill, on the Little Wonder, still continues to raise first-class stone. The lode, though small, is very good. The battery is still idle for want of water.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

QUARTER'S MILL RETURNS.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The mill returns for the first three months of this year include:—

Junction North: 25,151 tons crudes, producing 3793 tons of concentrates, averaging 62 per cent. lead, 28.8oz silver, and 5.6 per cent. zinc.

B. H. Block 10: 31,966 tons crudes, producing 5363 tons of concentrates, averaging 61½ per cent. lead, 32.8oz silver, and 9.4 per cent. zinc.

B. H. Proprietary: 113,414 tons of crudes treated, also 14,409 tons old tailings retreated, production 19,352 tons of leady concentrates, and 16,142 tons of slimes. In addition, 12,891 tons of zinc concentrates were produced, and 20,546 tons of slimes were sintered.

B. H. North mine: 30,802 tons of crudes, producing 5166 tons of concentrates, worth 70.8 per cent. lead, 20½oz silver, and 5.9 per cent. zinc.

B. H. South mine: 37,136 tons of crudes, producing 6071 tons of concentrates, worth 73.7 per cent. lead, 19oz silver, and 5.1 per cent. zinc.

B. H. Block 14 produced 8301 tons of carbonate ore.

The returns of a couple of other mines are not yet complete.

The B. H. Block 10 mill for the week treated 3026 tons of crudes for 501 tons of concentrates, worth 61.6 per cent. lead, 84.8oz silver, and 9.6 per cent. zinc. The dispatches were 626 tons of concentrates, leaving 48 tons on the floors. The 815ft drive has been discontinued, and a winze started. No. 13 C winze has connected the 1315 and 1215 levels, passing through high-grade ore. No. 13 D winze, from 1215ft level, down 23ft, is also in high-grade sulphides, going 30 per cent. lead, and 16½oz silver.

MOUNT LYELL COMPANY'S SMELTING RETURN.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Mount Lyell Company's smelting return, from February 27 to March 25 inclusive, shows that the total quantity of ore treated was 22,323 tons, being 12,383 tons from the Mount Lyell mine, and 9949 tons from the North Mount Lyell. In addition, there were treated 721 tons of metal-bearing fluxes. The converters produced 675 tons of blister copper, containing—Copper, 667 tons; silver, 51,541oz; gold, 173ozs.

TIN-MINING INDUSTRY.

BETTER PRICE FOR TIN.

EMMAVILLE, Wednesday.

The claim holders on the Graveyard lead are all on good wash. Andrews and Crawford will clean up next week, and expect to have a good return. Gay and party are also washing up.

Schumacher and Bell Bros., who were engaged sinking a shaft on the bank of Vegetable Creek, have bottomed on fair tin.

At the Y. Water dredge sluicing operations were continued full time during the week, with fair results. Fair tin is now showing on the bottom, and the clean up promises to be a very good one.

The Commonwealth tin mine, situated near Glendon station, on the Emmaville-Glen Innes road, is to be early developed. A site is being cleared for an up-to-date hydraulic dredging plant, which is expected to arrive within a fortnight.

On Saturday the local price of tin was quoted at £87/10/ per ton for 75 per cent. ore, which is a considerable rise. This will cause a deal more prospecting to be undertaken as, even at the present price, miners can manage to earn a living off ground that previously was too poor to work. On Wednesday last a youth obtained 30lb of tin in a few hours in one of the old races, and on the following day secured 16lb in an hour. At the present price this means good money.

The manager of the Flaxxy Creek dredge reports that a large quantity of material is being put through for a fair yield of tin. The ground in places is somewhat hard to treat.

At a special meeting of the Stannum Progress Committee it was decided to urge the Government to substantially increase the amount of prospecting aid to the Stannum Vale Deep Lead Tin-mining Company. The company has sunk over 200ft, and their expenses are very heavy. The present aid of £2 per foot is quite inadequate. Should the company be fortunate enough to bottom on a deep lead the whole district would largely benefit.

A contract for 900ft of driving at the Butler's tin mine was let this week. This contract comprises another stage in the development operations on behalf of the British company, prior to the purchase of the property. During the progress of this work a fair amount of tin is being won.

Operations at the Bismuth mine, Minera, have ceased for the present, but the company expect to resume operations in the course of a few weeks.

The Adelaide company, which recently acquired the deep lead property, on Rose Valley, is expected to commence operations shortly.

Sluicing operations are being successfully carried on at the Great Britain dredge, over 2 tons of tin being obtained for the week. The clean up for the month will be good. Machinery is now being erected for the lathe, which will be a great convenience, as all the iron required for the plant can be turned on the works.

A few miners are leaving this week to try their luck on the Lightning Ridge opal field, from which some glowing accounts come to hand.

Work is progressing very satisfactorily at the Elsie dredge. The new paddock is turning out well, and good tin is showing on the face. The water supply is good. During the week upwards of 2 tons of tin were obtained.

The manager of Bourke's Hill Tin-dredging Company reports:—No. 1 plant worked 144 hours, 140 of which were engaged sluicing, 2500 cubic yards of material being sluiced. Sluicing is being carried on at both plants, and blowing in races. The final clean up for March will be made soon, when the company expect to have a good yield.

The Stannum Lode Company, working on Wardell's lease, is raising good stone. The bottom shoot is still going down vertically, carrying 30 per cent. tin. In No. 1 stope the face is showing good ore. Preparations are now being made to put through another crushing.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Western Australian mines:—Associated, 15/8, b 15/, s 15/3; Northerns, 14/, 13/9, b 13/3, s 14/; Perseverance, 4/6, b 4/6, s 4/8; Boulders, 25/6, b 25/7½, s 25/10½; Mararoa, b 11/3, s 11/6; Ivanhoe, 13/3, b 13/, s 13/3; Queen Margaret, 1/11, 1/11½, b 1/11, s 2/1; Gwalia South (paid), b 18/6, 19/6; South Kalgurli, b 8/2, s 8/6.

Various: Baker's Creek, 4/5, 4/6, b 4/3, s 4/8; King's Bluff, 90/, b 90/, s 100/; Tarcoola Block, 2/5½, b 2/5, s 2/6.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, 48/6, 47/3, b 47/2, s 47/6; Block 14 (ord.), b 14/9, s 15/3; British (old), 15/7½, b 15/6, s 15/9; ditto (new), 15/, 14/3, 14/3½, b 14/3, s 14/6; B.H. South, b 66/, s 68/9; Junctions, 2/7, 2/6, b 2/6, s 2/6½; B.H. Norths, b 42/2, s 42/5; Souths (paid), 72/, 71/6, 72/, b 71/6, s 72/, ditto (contg.), 64/, 63/3, b 63/6, s 63/9; South Blocks, 12/9, 12/8, b 12/, s 12/3; Junction North, b 16/6; Zincs, 3/.

Copper: Chillagoe, 5/11, 5/10, b 5/11, s 6/1; ditto (contg.), 4/10, 4/11, 5/1; Mungana, 7/6, b 7/5, s 7/7; Wallaroo, 28/, b 27/9, s 28/.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

To-day's quotations and sales were:—Catherine Reef United, 11/6, 12/6, sales 12/9; Clarence Block, 1/, sales 1/1; Garden Gully United, 21/6, 27/; Goldfields Consols, 8/, 8/6; Goldfields Extended, s 1/2; Goldfields North, 9/6, 9/10½, sales 9/9, 9/7½; Omeo, 1/1, 1/2; Sheepwash Hustlers, 11/6, 14/6; Great Southern, 17/; Horwoods Block Extended, 4/6, 5/; Johnson's Reef, 6/9; Londonderry, £16/10, £18/5; New Chum Goldfields, 15/9, 17/9; New Moon, s 65/; New Prince of Wales, s 2/, 2/3; New Rosella, 2/, 2/3, sales 2/; Princess Dagmar, 2/, 2/7; Langdon, s 11, 5/, sales 5/1, 4/11.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—East Oriental and Glanmire, contg, 2/1; New Brilliant Freehold, 3/1, 3/14, 3/2; Mount Molloy, 5/9.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Quotations: B Extended, 5/, 5/4; Carrington, 2/10½, 3/; D. D. Gold Mines, /11, 1/1; Mexican, s /36; Alexandra, s /2; Day Dawn, s /2; Day Star, 1/3, 1/4; New Queen Freehold, 2/11, 3/1; Q. Cross, 1/9, 1/11; Q. Central, s 1/1; Ruby, 2/14, 2/3; ditto (paid), 2/7, 2/10.

Sales: Bonnie Dundee, 9½; Carrington, 2/11; D. D. Gold Mines, 1/; Grant's, 1/2; Ruby, 2/3; Day Dawn Freeholds, 3/09, 3/; Pfeiffer's (paid), s/7; Ruby, 2/2; Wallis', 9½; O.K., 4/; Gilmore, 5/3.

SYDNEY, Thursday.

Quotations: No. 1 N. Columbia, 2/3, 3/1

FUNERALS.

BUSCHER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY BUSCHER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON, Thomas Maurice Augustus Buschek, which will leave their residence, 10 Ferdinand-street, Balmain, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Rookwood.
WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors.

CLYDE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SAMUEL CLYDE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Elsie May; to leave their residence, 44 Little Wells-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.
COFFILL and COMPANY, Sydney and Suburbs.

ENGLAND.—The Friends of Mrs. NELLIE ENGLAND and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER, James England; to leave 29 Mary-street, Surry Hills, TO-MORROW (Saturday), at 8.30 a.m. sharp, for Rookwood Cemetery. (By request, no flowers).
CHARLES KINSELLA, Funeral Director, 2, 668 Head Office, 110 Oxford-st, nr. Crown-st.

ENGLAND.—The Friends of Mr. GIDEON ENGLAND are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved SON, James England; to leave 29 Mary-st, Surry Hills TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 8.30 a.m. (sharp), for Rookwood Cemetery. (By request, no flowers).
CHAS. KINSELLA, Sydney, suburbs, and Balmain.

ENGLAND.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN ENGLAND are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER, James England; to leave 29 Mary-st, Surry Hills, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 8.30 a.m., for Rookwood Cemetery. (By request, no flowers). CHARLES KINSELLA Funeral Director.

FEORE.—The Friends of Mrs. W. DOYLE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved SISTER, Mrs. Mary Ann Feore; to move from her residence, 9 Harmer-street, Woollooomoolon, TO-MORROW (Saturday), at 8.30 a.m., for R. C. Cemetery, Rookwood.
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KEARNEY.—The Friends of Mrs. LAURA S. KEARNEY are kindly invited to attend Funeral of her late beloved SON, Ernest C. Kearney; to leave his late residence, Hovenden-street, Bankstn, THIS AFTERNOON, at a ¼ to 1 o'clock, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Newtown Station.
CHAS. KINSELLA, Undertaker, Rockdale, opp. station; and 765 George-st, city.

KRANSTUYVER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. HENRY and WILLIAM KRANSTUYVER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Elizabeth Sarah Kranstuyver; to leave her late residence, corner Strahan-street and Bunnerong-road, Kensington, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELLA, Funeral Director, Head Office, 110 Oxford-st, city, near Crown-st. Tel., 692.

KRANSTUYVER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. MILLER are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Elizabeth Sarah Kranstuyver; to leave their residence, cor. Strahan-st and Bunnerong-rd, Kensington, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELLA, Randwick.

KRANSTUYVER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. BROWN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Elizabeth Sarah Kranstuyver; to leave cor. Strahan-st and Bunnerong-rd, Kensington, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. CHARLES KINSELLA, Bondi Junction.

KRANSTUYVER.—The Friends of Mrs. FRED SHEA (nee Annie Kranstuyver) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved MOTHER, Elizabeth Sarah Kranstuyver; to leave cor. Strahan-st and Bunnerong-rd, Kensington, THIS DAY, Friday, at 2.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. C. KINSELLA, Dgbyrst.

MALZARD.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES MALZARD are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Elizabeth Malzard; to move from their residence, 160 Liverpool-street, city, THIS SATURDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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MALZARD.—Relations and Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES HOOPER and FAMILY, of Paddington, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER and AUNT, Elizabeth Malzard; to move from her son's residence, Mr. Charles Malzard, 160 Liverpool-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m.

MARQUERIDE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. MARQUER-QUERRIDE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved infant DAUGHTER (Dorothy), to move from Guernsey, Wellington-street, North Botany, THIS DAY, at 12.30, for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood. FIELD and SON.

PAGE.—The Friends of Mr. L. PAGE, of Costal-mundra, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE; whose remains will take Place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Necropolis, THIS (Friday) MORNING, upon arrival of the Funeral Train.
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ROUGHLEY.—The Friends of the late JAMES ROUGHLEY, sen., are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Macquarie-street, Parramatta, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30 o'clock, for Methodist Cemetery, Rural. Service at graveside at 2.30.
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SPOONER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. SPOONER and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. SPOONER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved MOTHER; to leave 8 Ferry-road, Glebe Point, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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SPOONER.—The Friends of Mrs. THOMAS ARM-STRONG are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved SISTER, Mrs. Jane Spooner; to leave 8 Ferry-road, Glebe Point, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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SPOONER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. C. PRITCHARD and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved SISTER and AUNT, Mrs. Jane Spooner; to leave 8 Ferry-road, and ANNEX, Mrs. Jane Spooner; to leave 8 Ferry road, Glebe Point, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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